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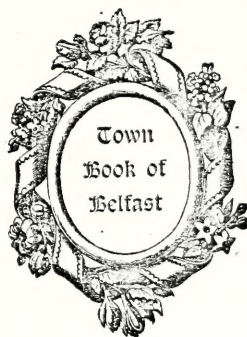
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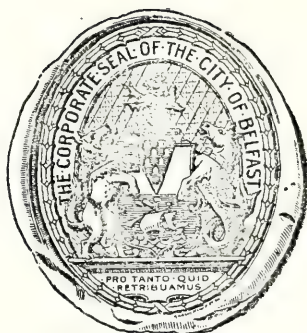
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WIFE OF ANTHONY, EIGHTH EARL OF SHAFTESBURY,
AND ONLY DAUGHTER OF
GEORGE HAMILTON, THIRD MARQUIS OF DONEGALL,

This Volume,

CONTAINING THE RECORDS OF THE CORPORATION OF BELFAST,
FOUNDED AT THE INSTANCE OF HER FAMOUS ANCESTOR,
SIR ARTHUR CHICHESTER, BARON OF BELFAST,
IS,
WITH HER LADYSHIP'S GRACIOUS PERMISSION,
MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.

TO THE READER.



ELFAST, unlike many of the ancient boroughs in Great Britain and Ireland, possesses very few original documents illustrative of its early history. One of great importance, however, exists in the MS. containing the contemporary records of the old Corporation, now printed for the first time in the present work, by the kind permission of the owner, Mrs. Torrens, Edenmore, Whiteabbey.

The painstaking historian of Belfast, the late George Benn, devoted a chapter of his well-known "History" to its contents, which he also referred to in his earlier volume, published in 1823. When the Municipal Reform Commissioners took evidence here in 1833, it was submitted for their inspection, together with a second book containing the later minutes, since lost. Henry Joy, the leading authority on local history, copied a few extracts about the end of the last century; while Dr. Kirkpatrick, in his work entitled "Presbyterian Loyalty Displayed," printed in 1713, made the first reference to it under the title of "Common Town Book of Belfast."

These writers only used such portions as suited their immediate purpose, and gave them, moreover, in a modernised form. The aim of the Editor has therefore been, as far as possible, to give a faithful reproduction of the original, with its solecisms and its peculiarities of spelling and punctuation, some unusual contractions in the earlier portion excepted.

The manuscript consists of four hundred leaves foolscap folio, of which one hundred and thirteen are blank pages. The paper is of excellent quality, with five separate watermarks, some foreign. A court hand is used for the earlier entries, many of which are very illegible in places, increased by the faded colour of the ink. Considerable difficulty was experienced in arranging the entries chronologically, partly because minutes had frequently been entered on blank portions of pages already written on, but mainly because the different sheets were kept loose for many years, and when subsequently discovered by the Marquis of Donegall in an old chest, were further disarranged by F. Bedford, who bound the existing volume.

In the printing of the work every effort was made to reproduce, by means of appropriate type, the quaint headings, &c., as originally written.

The only additions are the ornamental capital letters and the woodcuts in the text. All the proofs were corrected by the Editor directly from the Town Book itself, a process which occupied the evenings of many months.

The words printed within brackets [] are struck through in the original with a pen, as corrections ; and those printed in italics are interlined in the manuscript. In the Notes the Editor has endeavoured to give fresh information from sources not hitherto accessible, supplementing Benn's and other well-known Histories. A Chronological List of Notable Events is prefixed to the work, in which will be found a number of interesting items not previously printed.

The Editor has been much encouraged in his labours (carried on in the intervals of professional duties) by the interest taken in the work by numerous friends. His best thanks are especially due to that most distinguished scholar, the Right Reverend William Reeves, D.D., President R.I.A., Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, for his invaluable services in reading over and assisting in the correction of the proofs. The Editor's thanks are also tendered to the Countess of Shaftesbury, the Viscountess of Templetown, the Earl of Belmore, G.C.M.G. ; The Belfast Harbour Commissioners, the Churchwardens of St. Anne's, Thomas H. Torrens, Esq., J.P. ; C. H. Brett, Esq. ; Lavens M. Ewart, Esq., J.P., M.R.I.A. ; Samuel Black, Esq., Town Clerk ; R. Meyer, Esq., Chief Clerk ; Robert Day, Esq., J.P., F.S.A., M.R.I.A., Cork ; Rev. G. Hill ; Rev. A. Gordon, M.A., Manchester ; Rev. James O'Laverty, P.P., M.R.I.A. ; H. M.N. McCormick, Esq. ; J. Henderson, Esq., M.A. ; W. H. Patterson, Esq., M.R.I.A. ; Classon Porter, Esq., Ballygally Castle ; W. Swanston, Esq., F.G.S. ; J. A. Rentoul, Esq., M.P., LL.D., London ; Rev. W. Reynell, B.D., Dublin ; J. W. E. Macartney, Esq., D.L., Clogher Park ; Rev. Prof. G. T. Stokes, D.D., T.C.D. ; John Vinycomb, Esq., F.R.S.A.I. ; Talbot B. Reed, Esq., London ; Rev. Charles Scott, M.A. ; and to the Librarians at the British Museum, the Public Record Offices, London and Dublin, and the Bodleian Library.

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A Chronological List of Notable Events connected with the History of Belfast to the present time.

[Extracted from STATE PAPER CALENDARS, REEVES' ECCLESIASTICAL ANTIQUITIES OF DOWN AND CONNOR, CLASSON PORTER'S MSS., &c.]

- A.M. 3506. In the fifth year of the reign of Heremon, Loch Laogh in Ultonia (now Belfast Lough) broke forth.
- A.D. 82. Agricola wintered at Stranraer, intending to cross by way of Belfast Lough and subdue Ireland.
160. Bresal, son of Brian, who reigned in Eamania 19 years, was drowned in Loch Laogh (now Belfast Lough).
667. The battle of the Ford (at Belfast) between the Ulidians and Picts, where fell Cathasach, son of Laircine.
1177. John de Curci held possession of the Castle of Belfast.
1210. King John passed Belfast on his way to Carrickfergus.
1306. The White Church (now Shankill), with the Chapels of the Ford, noted in the Irish Taxation Roll.
1315. The Scots under Edward Bruce wasted Belfast.
1333. William de Burgo, Earl of Ulster, murdered near the Fords of Belfast.
1476. O'Neill attacked and demolished the Castle of Belfast.
1489. Hugh Roe O'Donnell took the Castle.
1503. The Castle demolished by the Earl of Kildare.
1512. Retaken by the Earl of Kildare, and the spoils distributed amongst his soldiers.
1523. The Earl of Kildare wrote to Henry VIII. that he has "taken a Castle of Hugh O'Neill's called Belfast, and burned 24 miles of his country."
1537. A son of Con O'Neill taken prisoner at Belfast.
1551. Sir James Croft, Lord Deputy, repaired Castle of Belfast, and put there a garrison.
1552. Restored to Hugh McNeill Oge O'Neill by King Edward VI. "in the same state as when he first possessed it."
1553. Lord Chancellor Cusack writes, that Hugh O'Neill has two castles, an old one at Belfast, and Castell riougehe (Castlereagh).
1556. Lord Deputy Sussex encamped underneath the Cave Hill with his army.
1558. Belfast fortified and "the renowned Capt. Malbie" with 15 horsemen placed in it by Lord Deputy Sydney.
1568. An important agreement signed here by Lord Deputy Sydney and Sir Brian O'Neill.
1571. Queen Elizabeth granted the castle and town to Sir Thomas Smith.
1573. Belfast granted to Earl Essex, who "buildeth a forte neare Belfaste, whereby he commandeth the passages over certain rivers and waters, and cutteth downe wood quyetly to the great discouragement of the Irish." Earl Essex defeated Sir Brian O'Neill at Ballymacarrett.
1574. Earl Essex writes that the Brewhouse, Storehouse, and Mill are completed. Sir Brian O'Neill, his father and wife, seized by Earl Essex at a feast in the Castle.
1575. Earl Essex writes:—"I resolve not to build but at one place, namelie Belfaste, and that of little charge, a small towne there will keepe the passage." An engagement took place between Lord Deputy Sydney and MacNeill Brian Ertough at Belfast.
1583. Lord Deputy Perrot recommended Belfast to Queen Elizabeth as a fit place for shipbuilding, after visiting it.
1597. Shane McBrian took the Castle. As narrated by an eye-witness:—"One ensigne Pullen had the gyfte of Belfast castell, who in culler of this charge, robbed the people, and took their gudes round aboute hym, to mayntayne his drunkeness. And being drunck from his charge at Knockfergus, and a carwose sent hym by Shane M'Bryan, to loke to his chardges, wolde not forsake his wyne poots to serve her Maty; but lyinge still at Knockfergus, drinkinge, his owne man, named John Aloylon, gave the castell of Belfast to the enemye the xviiiith daie June." Retaken 11th July by Sir John Chichester, who was killed in November by MacDonnell at Ballycurry. The Castle of Belfast a Government possession.
1598. The Castle of Belfast held by Sir Ralph Lane *in custodia*.
1599. Sir Arthur Chichester appointed Governor of Carrickfergus and the two Clannebeyes.
1601. Cecil wrote to Lord Deputy Mountjoy suggesting Sir Arthur Chichester as governor of Ulster, but blaming his clemency to Con O'Neill of Belfast.
1603. Con O'Neill sent his servants to bring wine from Belfast to Castlereagh; they returning without it, explained that the English soldiers had taken it from them. He ordered them to revenge this insult, and in the fray a soldier was killed.

Accused of levying war against the Queen and imprisoned in Carrickfergus, he escaped by the help of Hugh Montgomery, Laird of Braidstane, by whom his pardon was procured in 1605 at the expense of most of his vast estates. The castle and estate of Belfast granted by King James to Sir Arthur Chichester, who wrote to Cecil:—"Albeit when I have it att best perfection I wyll gladly sell the whole landes for the wth others sell, five poundes in fee simple in these partes of the Kynghdome." Sir Arthur Chichester appointed Governor of Carrickfergus and Admiral of Lough Neagh.

1604. Sir Arthur Chichester made Lord Deputy of Ireland, which office he held 10 years.
1605. Fairs and markets first established in Belfast.
1606. Numerous townlands in Malone and the Falls leased to Moyses Hill at £10 yearly.
1607. Town and Castle of Belfast declared forfeited by Sir Thomas Smith's descendants. Belfast mentioned as a suitable place for a Charter of Incorporation. The flight of the Earls, and the consequent Plantation of Ulster commenced.
1610. Sir Arthur Chichester writes to King James that he "would rather labour with his hands in the Plantation of Ulster than dance or play in that of Virginia."
1611. The Castle rebuilt and strengthened by Sir A. Chichester. "The towne of Bealfast is plotted out in a good forme, wherein are many families of English, Scotch, and some Manksen already inhabiting, and one Inn wth very good Lodgings wth is a great comforte to the travellers in those partes."
1612. Sir Arthur Chichester created Baron Chichester of Belfast. Castle built at Stranmillis by Moyses Hill.
1613. Lord Belfast resigned the office of Lord Deputy. Belfast constituted a Corporation by Charter on 27th April, with John Vesey as first Sovereign. Sir John Blennerhassett and George Trevelian returned as the two first M.P.s.
1614. Lord Belfast again made Lord Deputy, when he caused the Irish Harp to be first quartered with the arms of England.
1618. Con O'Neill died at Holywood, and was buried at Ballymaghan.
1625. Lord Belfast died in London, Feb. 19. Buried in Carrickfergus Church, Oct. 24. Edward Chichester, brother and heir, created Viscount Chichester of Carrickfergus.
1630. The Chichester estate of Manor and Borough of Belfast valued at £400 per annum.
1635. Sir W. Brereton visited Belfast, and noted—"At Bealfast my L^d Chichester hath another daintie House, wth is indeed the Glorie & Beautye of that Towne al-soe, where hee is most resident."
1636. A ship of 150 tons, called the "Eagle's Wing," built at Belfast, and 140 persons embarked for New England, but returned. Conference in Belfast Church between Bishop Leslie and five Presbyterian clergymen.
1637. Lord Deputy Wentworth abolished "the Carrickfergus privilege," thus freeing the port of Belfast.
1639. A detachment of the army raised by Wentworth to assist King Charles I. stationed in Belfast. The Town Hall fitted up to serve as a Court House.
1640. The Assizes held in Belfast for the only time till 1850. Maces, Arms, and Town Seal procured by the Corporation. A new grant of their estates given to the Chichesters by the King.
1641. A pestilient fever carried off about 2,000 in Belfast alone. "Not any that escaped this fever but lost all their hair." A letter sent King Charles at Edinburgh by Lord E. Chichester from Belfast giving the first news of the Rebellion. The town saved from the rebels by the bravery of Capt. Robert Lawson. Arms, including artillery, to defend Belfast, procured in Scotland by Col. Chichester and Hill.
1642. The town fortified with a rampart and ditch by Col. Chichester. Gen. Robert Monro, with 2,500 Scotch soldiers, landed at Carrickfergus. The Earl of Leven brought over the remainder, 10,000 in all. Some billeted in Belfast. First Presbyterian congregation formed.
1643. Father MacCana visited Belfast, and wrote—"The town which is built there is no mean one." Col. Chichester appointed Governor of Belfast, and £1,000 given by the King to strengthen it.
1644. Belfast surprised and occupied by Gen. Monro on May 14. Thos. Theaker, Sovereign, states that all the free commoners, "except a very few," had taken the Covenant.
1645. The Parliament's Commissioners sent to Belfast refused possession by Gen. Monro.
1646. Owen Roe O'Neill completely defeated Gen. Monro at Benburb on June 5. Col. Arthur Chichester created 1st Earl of Donegall by King Charles. The Scotch forces in Belfast refused to admit the soldiers sent by the English Parliament.
1648. Gen. Monro arrested by Col. Monk at Carrickfergus, and Belfast surrendered to the English Parliament, who directed thanks to be offered by all their ministers in London for "the great mercy of surprising the said garrison, and taking the Scots prisoners." Lord Edward Chichester died at Eggesford, Devon, in July.

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1649. John Milton made his famous attack on the Belfast Presbytery, as "that unchristian synagogue of Belfast," in his "Observations upon the Articles of Peace with the Irish Rebels, on the letter of Ormond to Colonel Jones and the Representatives of the Presbytery of Belfast." Lord Montgomery took Belfast for the King, and shortly afterwards Carrickfergus. Cromwell arrived in Ireland, and sent Col. R. Venables to Belfast, which surrendered on articles on 30th Sept. after four days' siege.
1651. The church converted into the Grand Fort and Citadel by Col. Venables.
1653. Belfast included in the proclamation of the Commissioners for Ulster removing certain Scots to the West of Ireland. In Belfast these were—"Lt. Thos. Cranston, Corporal Thos. McCormick, Hugh Doke, Robert Cluxton, George Martin, Alexander Lockard, Robert King, and Quintin Catherwood."
1654. Major Daniel Redmond returned as M.P. for Belfast and Carrickfergus. Essex Digby and William Dix appointed by the Government as the clergy of Belfast at £120 each per annum. W. Edmundson, the Quaker, mentions:—"At Belfast that town of great profession, there was but one of all the inns and public houses that would lodge any of our friends, which was one Widow Partridge who kept a public-house and received us very kindly."
1656. Henry Cromwell granted £100 to restore the church, after its use as a citadel.
1657. Col. Cooper, Governor of Ulster, wrote to Henry Cromwell that no Scotchman should be allowed in Belfast for some years. Population given by Petty as 366 English, 223 Irish.
1660. Great rejoicings at Restoration. Belfast contained 5 streets and 5 lanes with 150 houses.
1666. The Duke of Ormond, Lord Deputy, passed through Belfast on his way to quell a mutiny at Carrickfergus. 204 houses rated for Hearth money, the Castle for 40 hearths. Loaf sugar, 14d. per lb.; butter, 20s. per cwt.; meal, 7s. 6d. per barrel.
1667. Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, died at Lisburn.
1672. De Rocheford visited Belfast, and wrote:—"Here is a very fine Castle, and two or three large streets as in new built town." First Presbyterian Church built.
1675. Arthur Chichester, 1st Earl of Donegall, died in Belfast 18th March.
1681. Thomas Pottinger paid £20 rent for all Ballymacarrett.
1682. The foundations of the Long Bridge laid; finished in 1683; cost £3,000.
1685. Thomas Phillips surveyed the town for the Government, and advised the building of a citadel at £42,000. The Corporation and inhabitants sent an address to James II. on his accession.
1687. A writ "Quo Warranto" served on Corporation, and the original Charter forfeited.
1688. The total amount of the customs and excise, £20,000. The chief place of trade was Rosemary Street. W. Sacheverell visited here, and noted:—"Belfast is the second town in Ireland, well built, full of people, and of great Trade." King James II. granted a new Charter, which became law 16th Oct.
1689. King William and Queen Mary proclaimed in Belfast. Belfast occupied for King James II. by "six companies of Colonel Cornack O'Neal's regiment and a troop of dragoons in Malone and the Fall, and they were kept to strict discipline." Duke Schonberg occupied Belfast 17th August. "Whilst the Duke sat at Belfast, there came a letter to him by a trumpet from the Duke of Berwick, but it was returned unopened, because it was directed *For Count Schonberg*."
1690. An Earthquake in Belfast. King William landed at Carrickfergus 14th June; drove from Whitehouse over the Strand, entering Belfast at the North Gate. A Royal Proclamation issued from "Our Court at Belfast," 19th June, prohibiting plundering by the army.
1692. In spring, seven arches of the Long Bridge fell in, "having been weakened by Schonberg's drawing his heavy cannon over it."
1694. W. Crafford, Sovereign, induced Patrick Neill and James Blow to start as printers.
1696. Corporation sent address to King William and Queen Mary. Swift made frequent visits to Belfast, where he proposed to "Varina," daughter of W. Waring.
1697. A violent storm threw down part of the Mill Gate and the vane of the Church.
1698. Butter, 30s. per cwt.; tallow, 44s.; salmon, 50s. per barrel; beef, 14s. per cwt.
1699. Shaw's Bridge built. Ship "Loyal Charles," 250 tons, Hunter, master, launched.
1700. Only ten slated houses in Belfast. P. Neill printed first dated book in Belfast.
1704. James Blow printed the first edition of the Bible in Ireland. New sugar-house built.
1705. 3rd Earl of Donegall killed at the storming of Fort Monjuich, Barcelona.
1707. George Macartney, Sovereign, summoned before House of Commons, but acquitted. Greater part of Lisburn burnt. £54 collected here in a few hours for sufferers.
1708. The Castle burnt, April 25, three of Lord Donegall's daughters perishing in the flames. A company of militia raised, commanded by the Sovereign. Dr. Molyneux noted—"Belfast is a very handsome, thriving, well-peopled town; a great many new houses and good shops in it." Second Presbyterian Church founded.

1709. The greatest flood remembered took place, carrying away Shaw's Bridge and many others. A public fast observed on account of great scarcity.
1712. Hanover Quay formed by Isaac Macartney on reclaimed ground.
1714. King George I. proclaimed "by 400 inhabitants on horseback, all pleased but a few."
1715. The first independent company of Volunteers formed.
1716. The fishing at Stranmillis let at £4 10s. 6d. and half the eels.
1717. Dr. W. Tisdall, vicar, cast in a suit to recover house-money from Corporation.
1720. All the houses in Bridge Street thatched.
1721. Third Presbyterian Church founded.
1723. Ships in Belfast—all craft included—370, carrying 9,180 tons.
1725. The Corporation petition for a Bill to improve Harbour. Houses in the Parish 2,093. Bleaching machinery first erected at Ballydrain.
1728. A year of great scarcity from failure of crops.
1729. The first Act to improve the Harbour obtained.
1731. The "Playhouse" first mentioned.
1732. The Barony of Belfast contained 4,532 Protestant and 340 R.C. families.
1737. *Belfast News-Letter* founded by Francis Joy. Yearly subscription—town, 4s. 6d.; country, 6s. 6d. The Barracks built in Mill Street.
1738. Lord Donegall granted £1,500 to build a Linen Hall at Ann Street.
1740. A petition from merchants to improve Harbour sent Irish Privy Council. Regular trade between Belfast and West Indies commenced.
1745. *The Belfast Courant* printed by James Magee on paper made by James Blow.
1748. Primate Boulter wrote—"There are now 7 ships at Belfast carrying off about 1,000 passengers to America."
1750. The ancient stone coronation chair of the O'Neills of Castlereagh set up in Butter Market by the Sovereign, Stewart Banks.
1751. George Whitfield stayed some days in Belfast. [James] "Blow's Bible" printed.
1752. The first post chaise brought to Belfast. First Bank established by Thomas Bateson, James Adair, and Daniel Mussenden. Dr. Pococke noted—"Belfast is a considerable town of trade, especially in the linen manufacture, in which they are all concerned. The town of Belfast consists of one long, broad street, and of several lanes in which the working people live. The church seems to be an old tower or castle, to which they have built, so as to make it a Greek cross."
1753. The first private lottery held to raise funds to build the Poorhouse.
1754. Donegall Street laid out. A Linen Hall built. 200 men start work on Lagan Canal.
1756. Serious riots caused by scarcity and distress. John Wesley first visited Belfast.
1757. First Census—1,779 houses, 8,549 inhabitants, 1,800 able to bear arms, 399 looms. 4th Earl of Donegall died.
1758. Capt. J. M'Cracken established first Ropewalk Company.
1759. James Blow, printer, died. 300 French prisoners kept in the Barracks.
1760. Thurot captured Carrickfergus, and requisitioned Belfast. Milewater fortified. 5,000 Volunteers enrolled. Splendid ball given by French and Swiss prisoners.
1763. Thomas Gregg sent first lighter to Lisburn with coals and timber. Customs, £32,900.
1764. A lump of ambergris weighing 1 cwt. found at Whitehouse shore. Lime first used in bleaching.
1765. Provisions very scarce; £90 raised monthly for relief; Lord Lieutenant gave £500. A Reading Society called the Belfast Library formed.
1766. A six-days post established between Belfast and Dublin.
1767. A Social Club met at Donegall Arms.
1769. Lord Donegall laid first stone of Exchange (now Belfast Bank); cost £4,000. The foundations of Chichester Quay, 320 feet long, laid by Mr. Thomas Gregg.
1770. The Farsset River in High Street covered over.
1771. The Bachelors' Annuity Company of Belfast formed. David Douglas, of Templepatrick, rescued from Barracks by "the Hearts of Steel."
1772. Rev. James Saurin, vicar, died; succeeded by Rev. W. Eristow. At the "Green" was a tenement held by those who managed the ferry-boat across the Lagan.
1773. Computed that "one-fourth of its manufacturing people and cash had emigrated to America from North of Ireland." Brown Linen Hall erected. 160 linen looms in town.
1774. The old Church in High St. taken down and St. Anne's begun. Poorhouse opened.
1775. Very high tide; boats plying in High Street. *Belfast News-Letter* attacked by Dublin Press for its support of American Independence.
1776. Glass manufacture introduced. Arthur Young estimated value of the Chichester estate of Belfast at £2,000 per annum.
1777. Robert Joy and Thomas M'Cabe started cotton-spinning in the Poorhouse. No rain for 200 days.
1778. January 10. The raising of Volunteers suggested at a family party by Robert Joy. April 24. Paul Jones captured H.M.S. sloop "Drake" off Donaghadee. June 28.

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"The first Belfast Volunteer Company paraded and marched to church in their uniform, which is scarlet turned up with black velvet, white waistcoat and breeches."

1779. John Howard visited the French prisoners confined here.
1780. The Amicable Society of Belfast protest against slavery on British soil. Lord Charlemont reviewed Volunteers for the first time.
1781. First Presbyterian Church, Rosemary Street, rebuilt; Roger Mulholland, architect.
1782. The Tanners' Club commenced with 13 members.
1783. White Linen Hall erected on site granted in perpetuity by Lord Donegall. St. Mary's R. C. Church erected in Chapel Lane. *Belfast Mercury* issued.
1784. Nathaniel Wilson and Nicholas Grimshaw built first cotton mill in Ireland.
1785. A Harbour Board constituted by Parliament. The large glass-house at east end of Long Bridge built. Mrs. Siddons' first visit to Belfast. Population, 16,000.
1786. Vessels belonging to port, 772; tonnage, 34,287; revenue, £1,553. The old ford at foot of High Street removed by Harbour Board. The Belfast Academy founded; Dr. Crombie, principal. Chief Baron Yelverton commenced a town in Ballymacarr, but stopped by Lord Donegall. The third edition of Burns's poems printed in Belfast—the first and second having been printed in Kilmarnock and Edinburgh respectively.
1787. A Bank formed by John Ewing, John Holmes, John Brown, and John Hamilton. First Methodist Chapel erected in Fountain Street. Sovereign's Chain presented to Corporation by Lord Donegall.
1788. The Belfast Reading Society formed, now known as "The Linen Hall Library." The two Banks in Belfast issued notes payable in gold. First mail coach commenced to run between Belfast and Dublin.
1789. Nearly 300 houses built in Belfast during this year. A loyal address sent King George III. on his recovery. Mustard manufacturing started.
1790. Northern Whig Club instituted by Lord Charlemont. Francis Joy died, aged 93.
1791. First shipyard established by William Ritchie. Houses occupied, 2,209, by 18,320 people; 8,932 males, 9,388 females. The Society of United Irishmen founded by S. Neilson, H. J. McCracken, T. Wolf Tone, and T. Russell. Theatre built.
1792. The first number of the *Northern Star* issued on 4th January. Famous meeting of harpers in Belfast, convened by Dr. J. McDonnell. Petition for Catholic Emancipation signed by Sovereign and principal inhabitants. Old Dispensary, now Royal Hospital, founded. First foundry started. David Manson died, aged 65.
1793. The Volunteers disbanded by Royal Proclamation. A Discount Office opened.
1794. Society of the New United Irishmen formed in Belfast. Lying-in Hospital opened. [H. Joy's] *Belfast Politics* printed.
1795. 72 delegates of United Irishmen at meeting in Belfast framed the "System of Committees." *The Gaelic Magazine*, by Miss Brookes, issued.
1796. Habeas Corpus Act suspended; proprietors of *Northern Star* arrested. January 25. High tides commenced, which sometimes "ebbed and flowed 3 times in a tide;" water 13 inches deep on south side of Arthur Street; boats plied at south end of Bridge Street. First volume of E. Bunting's Irish Music printed.
1797. The Belfast Yeomanry formed. First Fever Hospital opened, with six beds. De Latocnaye notes—"Belfast has all the air of a Scotch town."
1798. May 7. Martial law proclaimed by General Nugent, followed by surrender of Volunteers' cannon. June 7. Battle of Antrim; no one allowed in or out of Belfast except to market. June 12. Battle of Ballynahinch, the cannonading at which was heard in Belfast. June 18. Declaration of Loyalty by Belfast Yeomen. July 6. Henry Joy McCracken executed. Thermometer 21° this winter.
1799. 1st Marquis of Donegall died. Marquis Cornwallis presented with a Corporate Address at Lord Donegall's house. Great snowstorm; for 7 days there was no post between Belfast and Donaghadee. Manufacture of vitriol introduced.
1800. Municipal Act obtained; cost £1,260. Public Bakery opened. "The dear summer." 36 tan-yards at full work. Edward May, John Congreve, jun., M.P.'s.
1801. First Union Jack hoisted at Market House and Royal salute fired. Literary Society formed. Typhus very prevalent. Edward May, M.P.
1802. Population, 19,000; houses, 3,197. Mrs. Siddons' second visit, accompanied by Montague Talbot. Dr. Alexander H. Haliday, Lord Charlemont's friend, died.
1803. Two new corps of Yeomanry formed. T. Russell's abortive rising. Town guarded by sentinels. *Belfast Almanac* first issued. *Anna*, first novel written here, printed.
1804. Master Betty, "the Young Roscius," appeared at Belfast Theatre.
1805. *The Commercial Chronicle* issued by Drummond Anderson. Graving dock erected for two vessels; cost £7,684. Valentine Jones died, aged 94.
1806. Belfast Medical Society inaugurated. The Galvanic Society formed.
1807. Population, 22,095; houses, 3,514; looms—cotton 629, linen 4, sailcloth 35, sacking 5. Irish Harp Society formed. The first *Belfast Directory* published.

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1808. Rev. William Bristow, Vicar, died; Sovereign 10 years; his funeral was the largest ever witnessed here. *The Belfast Magazine* issued; it continued six years.
1809. House of Industry opened in Smithfield. First Ormeau Bridge built.
1810. Daniel Blaw, printer and papermaker, son of James Blaw, died, aged 92. Foundation-stone of Royal Academical Institution laid; architect, Sir John Soane. Belfast ships, 58 (28 armed); seamen, 742; tonnage, 8,335. Coasters, &c., 21; seamen, 44. A Night-Watch Society formed.
1811. St. Patrick's R. C. Church, Donegall Street, built; Protestant subscriptions, £1,711; total, £2,511. First Baptist Chapel built in King Street.
1812. St. George's Church erected on site of "Corporation" Church. James Sheridan Knowles had a school in Crown Entry. Old Market-house pulled down.
1813. Population, 27,332; 5,428 families in 4,416 houses. Montgomery's Market opened.
1814. Royal Academical Institution received Parliamentary grant. Customs duties, £450,498. Anacreontic Society formed. Sir Stephen May, M.P.
1815. Linen Hall Newsroom opened with 105 members. First stone of Hospital laid.
1816. First Sundry Magistrate, W. H. Ferrar, appointed. Savings Bank established.
1817. Frederick Street Hospital opened, August 1. Great dearth. Unprecedented outbreak of typhus fever. The House of Correction, Howard Street, erected, with the inscription, "Within, Amend; Without, Beware." [H. Joy's] *History of Belfast* published.
1818. *The Irishman* weekly newspaper commenced by John Lawless. A. Chichester, M.P.
1819. Jan. 27. In 36 hours 3 inches of water fell by rain gauge; barometer gave no warning. The first steamship, "Rob Roy," arrived from Glasgow. Steamship "Waterloo," 200 tons, 12 hands, registered here by A. Langtry, plied to Liverpool.
1820. William Drennan, M.D., died. Commercial Buildings erected; cost £20,000. Earl of Belfast, M.P.
1821. Belfast Natural History Society formed at Dr. J. L. Drummond's house by 8 persons.
1822. Population, 37,117; houses, 5,932. First stone of Gasworks laid by Lord Donegall.
1823. The town first lighted with gas. [G. Benn's] *Historical Account of Belfast* published.
1824. *The Northern Whig* issued by F. D. Finlay. *The Keshlight* published by son of James Hope, United Irishman. Cross-channel steamboat trade regularly begun.
1825. Mechanics' Institute founded. John Templeton, the famous naturalist, died at Malone, aged 60. Ardoyne Damask Factory started.
1826. Belfast Banking Co. established; capital, £500,000. Branch Office of Provincial Bank opened. The "Chieftain" steamship, built by Ritchie, and engaged at Lagan Foundry, plied to Liverpool. Epidemic of typhus.
1827. Royal Botanic Garden formed. Fisherwick Place Church opened by Dr. Chalmers.
1828. The Manor Court Prison abolished, and debtors sent to County Gaol. May Street Church opened by Rev. Edward Irving.
1829. The Lunatic Asylum erected at a cost of £30,000. A. Mackay, Jun., died.
1830. May 4. Foundation-stone of the Belfast Museum, College Square N., laid by Lord Donegall. The machine-spinning of linen yarn introduced by Messrs. Mulholland at York Street Mill. The Lying-in Hospital built.
1831. Population, 53,737; houses, 8,710. Third Presbyterian Church, Rosemary Street, rebuilt; cost £10,000. Sir A. Chichester, Bart., M.P.
1832. Bounties on exported linen discontinued. Epidemic of typhus fever and influenza. Cholera year, 2,870 cases; mortality only 16 per cent. owing to precautions taken. Sir A. Chichester, Bart., M.P.
1833. Oct. The Irish Municipal Commissioners held an inquiry into the Belfast Corporation.
1834. The manufacture of flax-spinning machinery introduced into Belfast. Lord A. Chichester and James E. Tennent, M.P.'s.
1835. Henry Joy, the greatest authority on Belfast history, and John M'Cance, elected M.P. with Lord A. Chichester in January, died.
1836. The Ulster Banking Co. established; capital, £1,000,000. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals formed in Belfast. Association of Artists formed. J. E. Tennent and George Dunbar, M.P.'s.
1837. Act obtained to improve Harbour on Walker and Burgess's plans. Much typhus.
1838. 50 steam-engines of 1,274 horse-power in and about Belfast—12 erected in 1806-27, 10 in 1830-34, 17 in 1835-6-7, 11 in 1838. The first iron boat built at Lagan Foundry. Nov. 29. Very high tide. In Ann Street, water up to Corn Market; in Tomb Street, people escaped by boats. James Gibson and Earl of Belfast, M.P.'s.
1839. Ulster Railway opened to Lisburn—the first railway from Belfast. Music Hall built. *The Vindicator* issued—editor, Charles Gavan Duffy. J. E. Tennent and George Dunbar, M.P.'s.
1840. June 19. Belfast Water Commissioners incorporated by Act of Parliament.
1841. Population, 70,447; inhabited houses, 10,906. Daniel O'Connell, M.P., in Belfast. Belfast Union Workhouse opened. Rev. W. Bruce, D.D., died, aged 84.

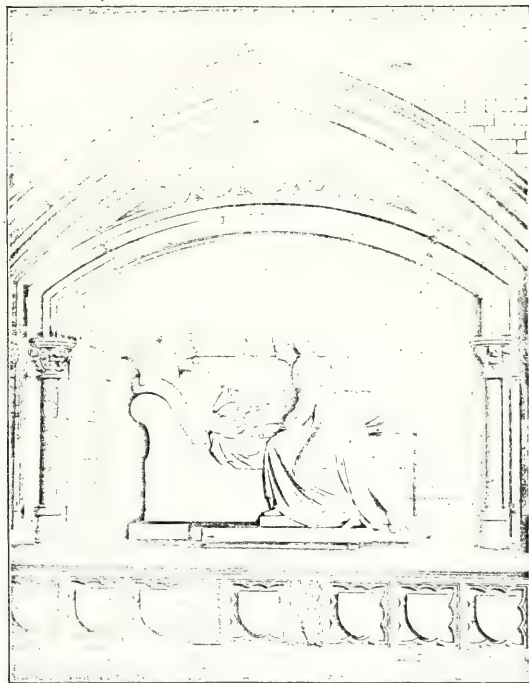
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1842. The first Town Council, under the Irish Municipal Corporation Act, elected for Belfast on 25th October. At first meeting, held on 1st Nov., George Dunbar elected Mayor; Town Clerk, John Bates. Francis M'Cracken, last survivor of the Belfast Volunteers, died; was enrolled 1783. *Banner of Ulster* issued. J. E. Tennent and W. G. Johnson, M.P.'s.
1843. Queen's Bridge, erected on site of old Long Bridge, opened Jan. 31; cost £28,000. Deaf and Dumb Institution erected. Union Club formed. David K. Ross and J. E. Tennent, M.P.'s. Geo. Dunbar, mayor.
1844. Amount of postage collected in Belfast, £4,624. 2nd Marquis of Donegall died. St. Malachy's Church consecrated. Alexander Mackay died; he was proprietor of *News-Letter* for nearly 50 years. John Clarke, mayor.
1845. County Gaol completed. New Belfast Bank built. Belfast and Ballymena Railway incorporated. Dr. James McDonnell died, aged 82. Andrew Mulholland, mayor.
1846. Co. Down Railway incorporated. Ulster Temperance Society formed by Dr. Edgar. James Young and G. Langtry died. Pilson's *History of Belfast* published. Lord J. Chichester M.P. in place of [Sir] J. E. Tennent. John Kane, mayor.
1847. New Harbour Act, changing title of Harbour Board to Belfast Harbour Commissioners. The "Swatara," emigrant ship, put in with fever on board, which was followed by 14,000 typhus cases. Reeves' *Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Down, Connor, and Drogheda* published. John Harrison, mayor.
1848. April 11. Belfast and Ballymena Railway opened. Robert James Tennent and Lord James Chichester, M.P.'s. George Saffern, mayor.
1849. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert visited Belfast; gave £300 to Hospital. Queen's College opened. Victoria Channel completed. Second outbreak of cholera. Sir William G. Johnston, mayor.
1850. Assistants removed from Carrickcargus to Belfast. Albert and Queen's Squares formed on old Docks. James Sterling, mayor.
1851. Population, 100,301; houses, 13,965. *The Mercury* issued. Jas. Sterling, mayor.
1852. First British Association meeting here. Harbour Conservancy Act. Iron ship-building begun. New Northern Bank opened. Antiquarian Exhibition in Museum. W. Thompson, the great Irish naturalist, died. *Ulster Journal of Archaeology* first issued. S. G. Fenton, mayor.
1853. Municipal boundary extended. Presbyterian College opened. Frederick Richard, Earl of Belfast, died at Naples. R. Davison and H. M'C. Cairns, M.P.'s. William McGee, M.D., mayor.
1854. New Harbour Office erected. Fred. H. Lewis, mayor.
1855. North-East Agricultural Association formed. Statue erected to Earl of Belfast. *Morning News* issued. John Bates died. Capt. James Vermer, mayor.
1856. Vessels entered port, 5,394; tonnage, 772,127. St. Mark's, Ballysillan, consecrated. Dr. A. G. Malcolm, author of the *History of General Hospital*, died. Samuel Gibson Getty, mayor.
1857. New Custom House opened. Model School built. Ulster Club founded in the old "Donegall Arms" premises. Samuel Gibson Getty, mayor.
1858. Large extent of land reclaimed on Co. Antrim side of Lough. E. J. Harland took over Hickson & Co.'s shipyard. Samuel Gibson Getty, mayor.
1859. Burns' centenary celebrated. Victoria College founded. R. Davison and H. M'C. Cairns, M.P.'s. William Ewart, mayor.
1860. New Ulster Bank and Bank of Ireland opened. R. Davison resigned; S. G. Getty elected M.P. William Ewart, mayor.
1861. Population, 120,777; inhabited houses, 18,375. Royal Agricultural Show held. Great fire in Bedford Street. Sir Edward Gey, mayor.
1862. Ulster Hall opened by Lord Lieutenant. Large expansion of linen trade by American Civil War. Ulster Club new buildings erected. Chas. Lanyon, mayor.
1863. New Ormeau Bridge completed. Belfast Naturalists' Field Club formed. John Lytle, mayor.
1864. Corporation Indemnity Act. Great Riots, on which Commission sat in November. John Lytle, mayor.
1865. Increase of town unexampled. Serious scarcity of water. Rev. Dr. Montgomery died. John Lytle, mayor.
1866. Central Railway commenced. Lombard Street improvements made. Rev. Dr. Edgar died. Sir H. M'C. Cairns raised to Bench; C. Lanyon elected M.P. William Mullan, mayor.
1867. Hamilton Dock and Abercorn Basin opened by Lord Lieutenant. Social Science Congress; Lord Dufferin presided. S. G. Getty and C. Lanyon, M.P.'s. Sir David Taylor, mayor.
1868. New Town Reservoir made. Methodist College opened. Revs. Dr. Cooke and W. Bruce died. T. M'Clure and W. Johnston, M.P.'s. S. M'Causland, mayor.
1869. High tides caused flooding. Albert Memorial completed. Borough Cemetery and Ormeau Park opened. Sir J. E. Tennent died. Fred. H. Lewis, mayor.

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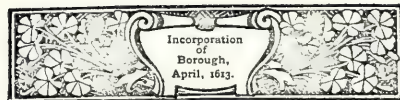
1870. New Provincial Bank and Richardson's Warehouse opened. *Evening Telegraph* issued. Rev. Dr. Drew died. Samuel Browne, M.D., R.N., mayor.
1871. Town Hall opened. New Theatre built. Smallpox epidemic. Population, 174,412. Philip Johnston, mayor.
1872. Spencer and Dufferin Docks opened by Lord Lieutenant. Tramways opened. Robert Patterson, F.R.S., died. Sir John Savage, mayor.
1873. Trade much depressed. Peace Preservation Act in force. Rev. Dr. Morgan and W. Ewart died. Jas. Alex. Henderson, mayor.
1874. British Association met. Corporation Gas Act. Fitzroy Avenue Church opened. Marcus Ward & Co.'s new premises built. J. P. Corry and W. Johnston, M.P.'s. Jas. Alex. Henderson, mayor.
1875. Lepper's mill burnt down. *Ulster Echo* issued. Local trade depressed. Thomas G. Lindsay, mayor.
1876. Working Men's Exhibition in Ulster Hall opened by Lord Lieutenant. Cooke Statue completed. Sir Robert Boag, mayor.
1877. Disastrous fire following explosion in Castle Place. New R. C. Church of St. Patrick, consecrated. Geo. Benn's *History of Belfast* published. Sir John Preston, mayor.
1878. Belfast Improvement Act. Court of Admiralty granted to Belfast. Townsend St. Church rebuilt. Samuel Black appointed Town Clerk. W. Johnston resigned; W. Ewart elected M.P. Sir John Preston, mayor.
1879. Very severe winter. General Grant in Belfast. Young & Anderson's warehouse burnt. Workman & Clarke's shipyard opened. Associated Chambers of Commerce met here. John Browne, mayor.
1880. Corn Market improvement made. Foundation-stone of Belfast Academy, Cliftonville, laid. John Browne, mayor.
1881. Royal Avenue commenced. Presbyterian College granted Royal Charter. John Rea died. Population, 207,671. Sir E. P. Cowan, D.L., mayor.
1882. Harbour Act for new Docks and Channel. New Water Office built. Free Library Act adopted. Sir Joseph Napier, Bart., died. George Benn died. Sir E. T. Cowan, D.L., mayor.
1883. Visit of Sir Stafford Northcote. 3rd Marquis of Donegall died, when Irish estates devolved on his daughter Harriet, Countess of Shaftesbury. J. A. Henderson, proprietor of *News-Letter*, and Dr. James Moore, H.R.H.A., died. Sir David Taylor, mayor.
1884. Ormeau Avenue opened. Foundation-stone of Free Library laid by Lord Lieutenant. Meetings of Pan Presbyterian Council and British Medical Association held. James Torrens died. Sir David Taylor, mayor.
1885. Visit of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales; latter cut first sod of Alexandra Graving Dock. Lord Harrington opened Ulster Reform Club. Lord O'Hagan, Earl Cairns, Dr. Thomas Andrews, F.R.S., and Rev. Clason Porter died. Sir W. Ewart, Bart., W. Johnston, E. S. W. De Cobain, and Sir James H. Haslett M.P.'s. Sir E. J. Harland, Bart., mayor.
1886. Albert Bridge collapsed. New Post Office opened. Lord R. Churchill's visit. Great riots. 8th Earl of Shaftesbury died. A. Nicholl, R.H.A. died. T. Sexton elected M.P. instead of Sir James H. Haslett. Sir E. J. Harland, Bart., mayor.
1887. Main Drainage Act obtained. Alexandra Park opened. John S. Brown died. Sir James H. Haslett, mayor.
1888. Free Library and Fine Art Loan Exhibition opened by Lord Lieutenant. Belfast created a city. Woodville Park opened. Local Bankruptcy Court formed. Rev. Dr. Bryce died. Robinson & Cleaver's new premises opened. Sir James H. Haslett, mayor.
1889. H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor opened Alexandra Graving Dock, and laid foundation-stone of Albert Bridge. "Teutonic" and "Majestic" launched by Harland & Wolff. 4th Marquis of Donegall died. Sir W. Ewart, Bart., M.P., and Sir Charles Lanyon, died. Sir E. J. Harland elected M.P. Charles Cunningham Connor, M.A., mayor.
1890. Corporation Bill to acquire White Linen Hall passed. New Albert Bridge opened by the Mayor. Jubilee of General Assembly. The Earl of Shaftesbury attained his majority. Joseph G. Biggar, M.P. for Co. Cavan, died. Charles C. Connor, M.A., mayor.
1891. Population, 273,055. Dr. George MacDonald delivered a series of lectures. New Victoria Channel opened. Dunville Park opened by Marquess of Dufferin and Ava. Site of Royal Hospital presented by Countess of Shaftesbury. M^r Arthur Hail, Methodist College, opened. Soldiers' Home opened by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge. Grainger Collection of Irish antiquities, &c., presented to Corporation. Charles C. Connor, M.A., mayor.



Patrick MacDonell, R.S.A., Sculptor.

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THE MONUMENT TO FREDERICK RICHARD, EARL OF BELFAST, AND HIS MOTHER,
HARRIET-ANNE, MARCHIONESS OF DONEGALL, IN THE
MEMORIAL CHAPEL, BELFAST CATHEDRAL.



THE TOWN BOOK OF BELFAST.

Orders & Bylawes

Belfast tertio Die Augusti
Anno Dni 1632



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pam^t of Toungs to the Sovereigne
by the Butchers inhabitinge same
being made free of this Corporacon.
Now for that it manifestlie appears
by good testimonie as well of the
Antient Burgises as others that at the
first Courte held within this Burrough
after the first raisinge of this Corpo-
racon. It was agreed upon by the Sovereigne and Burgises
of the said Towne and especially of the Butchers then
made free That every Butcher being a freeman of the
Towne should paie unto the said Sovereigne of the said
Towne one toung weekly if the same Butcher should
happen to kill anie Bullock *or* Cow, whereof due pam^t hath
been made accordinglie every Thursday untill within one
yeere or thereabouts which order we think fitt to be con-
tinued duly And therefore in confirmaton and for the better
strengthening thereof in tyme to come as well Wee the
Sovereigne and Burgises of this Corporacon here assembled
together by a genrall consent and agreem^t as alsoe by and

with the consent of Henry Upton Esq. Agent for the right Ho^{tie} the Lord Viscount Chichester doe make a By Lawe from henceforth to be observed and kept That evrie Butcher and Butchers within the Towne Libtie of this Corporacon shall paie or cause to be paid unto the Sovereigne of this Corporacon one Tounge weekelie and evrie weeke soe long as anie such Butcher or Butchers shall kill or cause to be killed to his or their use anie Bullock of what kinde soever within this Towne or Corporacon or within the Liberties thereof.

Lewys Tomson Sovereigne

Jo: Vesey. Jo: Ayshe

Cornelius Harman

Robt ffoster

Henry Upton

George Theaker

Walterhouse Crimble

Thomas Bramstone

Gowen Bolby

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The Award of
Jno Wassher
gent concern-
ing the
Sovereigne &
Burgises of
Bellfast & the
Butchers of
the same

The Award of me John Wassher made and published the last day of August 1632 betweene Lewys Tomson gent. Sovereigne of the Burrough of Belfast & the Burgises of the same Burrough of the one p^{tie} and Rob^{tie} Duninge Tho: Duninge, Ralph Dyson and William Willson the younger of the same Towne Butchers of the other p^{tie}

The Award of
Mr. Wassher

Whereas Controversy hath arrisen betweene the said pties touching the paim^t of a tounge weekelie by evrie Butcher inhabitinge and being made free within the said Corporacon w^{ch} the said fower psons within named have of late tymes refused to paie and espeaciallie to the said now Sovereigne. Now for that I finde uppon full and due examinaton that uppon the first errecton of the said Corporacon the Butchers then made free did consent to a byLawe ppetually to be stablished within the said Corporacon should weekelie and evrie weeke soe long and soe often as the same Butcher and Butchers should kill anie beefe theare paie unto the Sovereigne for the tyme being one tounge towards the Sovereignes hospetaletie w^{ch} byLawe was then agreed on and hath benn confirmed and established I doe therefore Order and Award that the said fower Butchers shall paie unto the said Lewys Tomson nowe Sovereigne for this psent yeere twentie touns apiece in satisfaccon of all the touns arreange or growing

THROUGH THE ROSE LEAVES TO MEIA.



due unto the said Sovereigne wth the said Sovereigne shall accept of in full paim^t and satisfaccon for this pⁿte yeere And that the said Butchers and everie of them after the expiration of this yeere shall paie unto the next succceedinge Sovereigne yeerelie one tounge weekelie and everie weeke soe long and soe often as he or they respectivlie shall kill anie beefe or beeves In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand the daie and yeere above said

Jo: Wassher

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An order
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Burgis or free
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another out of
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Belfast wthout

[It is ordered and agreed by a genrall consent an assembly held for the Corporacon of Bellfaste that noe free Burgis nor free man of the said Towne or Corporacon shall sue or impleade anie other free Burgis or free Comoner of the said Towne for anie action or suite that the Court of the Corporacon maie heare without the consent of the Lo: of the Castle of Bellfast for the time being or Sovereigne of the same Towne then being first obtained unless such pson shall not have due p^rceedinge theire Everie p^rson offending therein shall forfeite to the use of the Towne xls. and in default of paiment thereof uppon the Sovereignes warrant everie such offender is to be disfranchised and be dismissed of his freedom]

An order
for such as
refuse to
come to
divine Service

Att an Assembly held for the Burrough of Bellfast the XVth daie of October 1615 before James Burr gent. Sovereigne of the said Towne and before the free Burgises and Commaltie of the same It was ordered by the Sovereigne and Burgises and Commaltie of the same Towne That everie freeman and other Inhabitant wthin the said Corporacon being of the age of xiiij^{te} yeeres or above that shalbe absent from Church or other place appointed for comon praier within the said Corporacon uppon the Sabboth daie or anie other daie appointed to be kept holy by the lawes or Statutes of this Realme without reasonable or sufficient cause to be allowed by the said Sovereigne there for the time being shall for everie default forfeit for the use of the Sovereigne free Burgises and Commaltie of the said Towne to the use of the

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use (*sic*) of the Corporacon as followeth every vizt housholder for everie default vs. every woman that is married iis. vi^d every servant man or woman xii^d every child dwelling with his her or their father or mother x^d sterling for everie default the same to be leavied by distresses to be taken upp by the Church Wardens of the parish of Shankhill for the tyme beinge by Warrant from the said Sovereigne out of the goods & chattles of everie offender w^{ch} is or shalbe a householder within the Libties of the said Towne of Bellfast And all other the forfeitures before mentned for the married woman servants and children to be likewise leavied out of the goods & chattles of the husbands fathers mothers and Masters of the said offenders respectively as aforesaid And if anie resist or resistance shall happen to be made by anie of the said offenders or others chargeable with the said forfeits Then it is further ordered and established that the said Churchwardens shall give notice to the Constables of the said Towne for the tyme beinge and uppon such notice given the said Constables and every of them shall assist the Churchwardens in the leavieing and taking upp of the said forfeitures and that everie of the said Churchwardens and Constables w^{ch} shall refuse and not p^rforme the contents of this lawe or order shall for every default forfeit to the use aforesaid xxs ster; to be leavied by the warrant of the said Sovereigne for the time beinge the distresses soe to be taken by vertue of this order or to be used and ordered in all respects as distresses taken upp for rents and to be ordered by the lawes or statutes nowe in force in this Kingdome

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An order
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of R Dyson &
Tho Doninge
for not
p^rforminge y^e
customs of
y^e towne

Att an Assemblie held the eight day of October. 1630 it was and is ordered and agreed uppon by a genrall Consent of the Sovereigne and Burgeses of the Burrough of Bellfast then assembled that for and by reason that Ralph Dyson and Thomas Doninge have refused to obey & p^rforme the customes and orders of the Towne and Corporacon of Bellfast aforesaid That they and either of them shall be cleerlie and absolutely disfranchised from the said Corporacon or otherwise the said Ralph Dyson shall paie for his offence the some of xxvs Ster: and the said Thomas Doninge shall paie xxs Ster: uppon paiment of w^{ch} said somes or uppon paiment of either of the said somes he or they soe paiege shall stand and be free of the said Corporacon as before allwas provided that they shall p^rforme as well all such customes



and orders as have been heretofore made & ordered as all other customes and orders as shalbe hereafter made and agreed uppon by the Sovereigne and Burgises of the Corporacon aforesaid.

Walterhouse Crimble Sovereigne
Jo: Ayshe Geo Theaker
Edw: Holmes Lewys Tomson
Robert ffoster

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1632

An order
for selling ale

[Att an Assemblie held the seaventeenth day of October anno dni 1616 for the Burrough of Bellfast It was ordered and fullie agreed by the consent of the Sovereigne & free Burgises then assembled that no p'son free or forriner shall from henceforth have admittance to sell ale or other liquor within the said Burrough unless the same p'son be thought fitting for the same by the Sovereigne of the same Towne for the time being and the rest of the free Burgises there and enter into Recognizance if he be not free and without the spiall license of the then Sovereigne under his hand for the time being and appearing of record who is to observe all such statutes and orders as have benn in that behalf provided uppon paine of iiis iiiid everie time offendinge]

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not coming to
Courte

Att an Assemblie held the fouer and twentieth daie of Aprill Anno Dni 1617 It was agreed by a genall consent That if anie Burgis or Freeman of this Corporacon shall at anie tyme refuse to come to the Courte of this Towne or before the Sovereigne warning being given him by the officer wthout reasonable or sufficient cause to be allowed by the Sovereigne & Burgises shall for everie such default forfeit to the use of this Corporacon xs for every such offence to be leaved as other ffines are lyमित in former orders

xs

An order
against y^e
selling of ale
or other
liquor at the
time of divine
Service
vis viiid

Att an Assemblie held the second daie of October Anno dni 1617. It was ordered that noe p'son within this Towne shall att anie tyme of Divine Service sell anie manner of wine ale or aqua vitae or anie thing vendible uppon its forfeiture to the Towne everie tyme convicted soe offendinge vis viiid ster to be leaved as other ffines

An order for
attending the
Soveraigne to
Church

Att the same Assemblie It was also ordered that every Burgis and free Comner in this Towne shall every Sabbath daie or other day wherein there shalbe Sermon or other publique praier as often as Sermon and praier shalbe shall all repaire to the house of the Soveraigne for the time being and shall thence themselves in his Companie attending wth him to the Church or place of praier and from thence home againe or neere to his house upon paine of paiement by every Burgis iis and every freeman xiid unless some reasonable cause shalbe to the contrary shewed to the Soveraigne wth moneys to be leavied as other fynes

Everie Burgis
iis freeman
xiid

An order for
attending the
Soveraigne to
meete anie
Lord &c

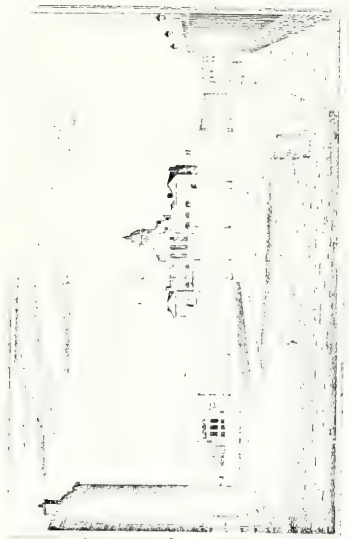
Att the same Assemblie It was likewise ordered that every Burgis and Comm^r dwelling in this Towne of Bellfast or otherwise then resident shall whensoever occasion shall soe fall out for the Credit and grace of this Towne that the Soveraigne shall give them notice how short or soone soe ever it bee be readie to accompanie him to meete anie Nobleman Justices of Assyse or other state or p^{son} whatsoever that they shalbe all ready with the Soveraigne either horseback or ffoote either in the same Towne or the Libties thereof with him in the most decent sort the rest maie uppon paine either of comittall during the pleasure of the Soveraigne and Burgises for the time beinge uppon paine of paim^t by everie Burgis and everie free Comner [the wh to be levied as of the prevs.] such fyne as in the suffrance of two or more of the Burgisses shalbe thought fitt soe as the said fyne doe not exceede xxs ster :

Burgis xxs
Comner xs

An order for
all to be ready
uppon warning
to apprehend
felons

Att the same Assemblie It was further ordered by a genrall consent that everie Burgis and freeman of this Towne uppon all houres shalbe ready either on horseback or ffoote as they are then p^{vided} and as occasion shalbe given for the service of the Kinge or good of this Towne for apprehending anie felons Rouges woodkernes or Craytes either within the Towne or anie the Libties thereof whensoever anie such notice shalbe given to them or anie of them by the Soveraigne for the time being uppon paine of Imprisonm^t during pleasure of the said Soveraigne Burgises and disfranchising anie such for refusing or careleslie neglecting the same from his or their ffredome of this Towne ipso facto and paiement of such fine as shalbe laied uppon them or anie of them by the Soveraigne and Burgises of the said Towne for the time beinge and rest

ROOM OF GOVERNMENT.



of the Burgises and to be leaved accordinge as other fines are to be paid And also everie Burgis and free Comoner of this Towne uppon lawfull warninge by a daie to be limited unto them Toties quoties occasion shall happen shalbe ready for the p^fitt of this Towne to accompanie the Sovereigne for the time beinge to anie place within the Libties of this Towne beinge three miles by a direct lyne from anie p^l of the seytuacon of this Burrough to make anie lawfull seizure of goods or merchandize sould wthout leave or by anie not planted by the Lo: Chichester according to the grant and power of the charter granted to this Towne or for doing anie other lawfull act w^{ch} maie be donn by vertue of the Kings grant in the said charter limited unlesse he or they have some reasonable cause to alleadge to the contrary to be allowed by the Sovereigne for the time beinge and rest of the Burgises uppon paine of vⁱ ster: by everie Burgis and 1s ster: by everie Comoner refusinge or neglectinge payable as other fines are lymitted

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Carew Harte

An order for
not making
fences

[Att an Assemblie held the XIIIth day of October 1619 by George Theaker Sovereigne and the rest of the Burgises that everie free Burgis and other Inhabitant w^{ch} doo or shall hould anie land in Towne or ffeild within or belonging to this Corporacon who shall be found not to have their fences lawfullie made that of right he or they ought to have made shall paie for such default being lawfullie found after the first daie of Aprill next ensuinge 2s ster: to the use of the Sovereigne for the time being and soe from tyme to tyme who shall make or cause to make keepe and maintaine all not such their ffences uppon warninge by the Surveyor to be appointed for that purpose shall paie as aforesaid ffive shillings ster:

vs

George Theaker]

An order for
keeping of
Inmates

Att an Assemblie held the 29th daie of June 1620 It is fully agreed uppon by George Theaker Sovraigne and the rest of the Burgises that noe Burgis nor free Cmner within this Corporacon shall take into their houses anie sub-tenant or Inmate without leave of the Sovereigne then for the time beinge under the paine of xs for everie such default to be leaved and paid in forme and manner as other fines formerlie recorded

In order for
such as refuse
the office of
a Sovereigne

Whereas at an Assemblie held for the Burrough of Belfast upon the xixth daie of July 1627 It was ordered by and with the consent of the Lord of the Castle the Sovereigne for the tyme beinge and free Burgises then assembled That in respect severall p'sons are not resident in the said Corporacon and doe not p'forme the duty thereunto belonginge either by takinge upon them the office of Sufferaigne when they are elected or p'forminge such impositions as are respectively laied upon Inhabitants of the said Corporacon whereby those names are onlie filled up and the burthen for the most pt^e laid upon the meane and disabest Inhabitants We have therefore in redresse thereof thought fitt and soe doe accordinglye make it to be a bylawe to be henceforthe in this Corporacon observed and kept That the Burgises that shall from henceforth from time to tyme refuse or delaye to take upon them respectively the office of Sufferaigne of the said Corporacon when they or anie of them shalbe thereunto required & duly elected not having a sufficient cause by the Sovereigne for the time beinge and the Burgises allowed of and during that time dwell and reside within or neere the Corporacon shall incurre and paie a ffyne of five pounds ster: to be imploied for the use and benefit of this Corporacon and shall also paie to the use aforesaid all such averages of Impositions as shall justlie appeare hath been imposed in them otherwise to relinquishe their said places of Burgises and be dismist thereof by vertue of this order at the next assemblie to be held after such refusal]

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Att an Assemblie held for the Burrough of Belfast 29th die Junii anno dni 1620 It was fullie concluded and agreed upon by the Sovereigne and Burgises of the said Burrough That noe Burgis nor free Cmoner shall take into their houses anie sub tennant or Inmate without leave of the Sovereigne then for the time being upon paine of Tenn shillings sterlinge for every such default to be levied and paid in forme and manner as other ffynes formerlie recorded]

Att an Assemblie held the eight daie of August 1633 It was concluded and agreed upon by the Soffragan and Burgises their assembled That all the monies *hereafter* given (and bequeathed granted) by anie p'son to be free of this Corporacon and all ffynes imposed or to be imposed upon anie Burgis or freeman for the breach of any ByLawe whatsoever and all other ffynes and p'ffitts that shall come and accrewe by the Sea or goods



VIEW OF THE TOP OF JOSEPHINE STREET.

brought into this Towne from anie shipp or Barke and sould here or sett to sale by liberty of the Markett Provided that the liberty of the Markett be not given to anie florriner without the consent of *the Constable of y^e Castle* fouer or three of the Burgises at least with the consent of the Suffragan for the tyme beinge shall from tyme to tyme be wholly to the use of the Suffragan for the tyme beinge towards his hospetallety without rendring anie accompt for the same And it is further agreed that no Burgis or freeman inhabitinge within this Corporacon shall paie anie Custome for anie kinde of graine or anie other wares or merchandise bought within this Corporacon or Libtie thereof unlesse it be for the Custome of Cowes and that onlie two pence for booking [there] of every Cow

Robt Foster Sovraigne

Henry Le'Squyre
Const^t Castle
George Theakir
Lewis Tomson
Thomas Bramston
Tho Chudleigh
G. B. Gowen Bolby

John Vesey
Walterhouse Crimble
Thomas Hannington

Att an Assemblie held for the Burrough of Bellfast the second daie of Aprill Anno dni 1635 in the p^sence and by the full and free consent of the right Ho^{ble} Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of the Castle_____



By lawes**Burgus de
Belfastc****Of Mault Kills
in Town**

Att an Assembly held for the Burrough aforesaid
the XXIXth day of March 1638

Iforasmuch as by dayly experience it is founde
that mault kills erected in the body of this Towne are
very dangerous and enormous and may upon the least
accident indanger the whole Towne to be consumed
by fyre, It is therefore Ordered and established by
the Sovraigne & Burgesses assembled by and with
the consent of the Right Hon^{ble} Edward Lord Viscount
Chichester Lord of the Castle of Belfast, as a by Law
p^epetually to remayn That from henceforth noe p^eson
or p^esons inhabiting within the Burrough of Belfaste
shall erect or make any mault kill, or make use of any
mault kill already erected and built within the said
Burrough, but in such convenient places as shalbe
allowed of by the Lord of the Castle and the
Soveraigne of the Burrough for the tyme beinge
together with syxe of the Burgesses at the least
upon paines of forfeiture of five pounds sterl: for
every default to be leyed, that shall be presented

Edward Chichester
Henry Le' Squyre
Sovraigne
Jo: Leithes
Rob^t Foster
John Ayshe
John Wassher



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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

of Maulethill, as by day by experience it
is manifest that Maulethill interest in the City of
the Crown is very dangerous and enormous,
and may occasion the destruction and endangerment
of the Crown, and to be remedied by force, it is
herefore Ordered andisable that by the
Privy Council and Council of the City of London
the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council of the City of London
do by Law and Ordinances for the same
do that from henceforth no person, or persons, whether
within the Burroughs or without the same, or
within the Maulethill, or within the City of Maulethill
already created under the Great Seal of the
Burroughs, but in fact, to be removed and
shall be allowed of by the Lord of the Burroughs
and the Sovereign of the Burroughs for his
time being to be taken out of the
Burroughs at the least seven years of
age, and of his own free will, for the
default to be made, that shall be proposed.

Henry's Langre
Edward C. Langre
Soudigne

Schlichte
 Koffler
 J. 20. Phos

Wood
Chimneys

If forasmuch as it is founde that dayly inconvenyencies are likely to arise to this Towne and Burrough by reason of their woode chymneys It is therefore thought fit & soe ordered that the said Chymneys shalbe forthwth pulled down and Bricke Chymneyes made in steede thereof upon pain of forfeiture on every p'son that maketh default the some of forty shillings sterl: to be levied as aforesaid

Edward Chichester
Henry Le' Squyre
Sovraigne
John Ayshe Jo: Leithes
John Wassher
Robt Foster

17th January
1639

The Information of Henry Sands gent: taken the day & yeare aforesaid before the Sovraigne & Burgesses

Who sayth that about the middle of October last past Robert Kile of Erwyn M'chant brought into this Towne 10 Hogsheds and 14 barrells of [white] salt & 12 ferkines of Soape & two bottles of Aqua Vitae the s^d salt beinge offered to the Towne to buy at ye rate of 7s. 3d. a barrell but ye Towne refused ye same at ye rate and thereupon ye s^d Robert Kile sould the said salt to John Gurley of Armagh within this Corporacon for 7s a barrell and 3s 6d on upon the scoore and ye caske againe And ye said Gurley hath taken away 19 barrells of ye s^d salt. There from of ye s^d salt five hogsheds & a barrell the s^d Henry Sands hath seised on to ye use of ye Towne as beinge forrayne bought & forrayne sould ye rest of the Comodities he sould some to the Towne & some to strangers.

It is therefore ordered by ye s^d Sovraigne & Burgesses then assembled that ye said Robert Kile shall pay for & in consideracon of ye afores^d sale ye price of one barrell of salt or a barrell of salt itselfe to be disposed of to ye use of ye Towne & Burrough of Belfaste.

A Rate made and agreed upon by the Sovraigne & Burgesses the 12th day of October 1639 for the fittinge of the Towne Hall wth p'titions bench and a Barr & other necessaryes for the use of the Courts.

The Sovraigne	...	...	...	...	...	Xs
John Aish	...	...	...	...	...	IIs Vid
Robert Foster	...	...	...	...	...	Vs
Thomas Hannington	...	...	...	...	...	Vs
Gowen Boltbey	...	...	...	...	...	IIs Vid
John Haddocke	...	...	...	...	...	Vs
Thomas Bramstone	...	...	...	...	...	Vs
Thomas Theaker	...	...	...	...	...	Vs
John Washer	...	...	...	...	...	Vs
John Leithes	...	...	...	...	...	Vs
Mrs Bradely	...	...	...	...	...	Vs
Sandy Thomson	...	...	...	...	...	IIIs IIId
Hugh Doake	...	...	...	...	...	IIIs

William Leithes	...	...	...	...	IIIs
John Love	...	...	...	...	IIIs
Richard Gately	...	...	...	...	IIIs
James Anderson	...	...	...	...	Is
Robert Neevans	...	...	...	...	IIIs
Bryon M'Corry	...	...	...	...	Is Vid
John M'Murry	...	...	...	...	Is Vid
William Partridge	...	...	...	...	IIIs
William Richey	...	...	...	...	Is
John Boyde	...	...	...	...	Is Vid
Quyn-ton Catterwoode	...	...	...	...	Is
Francis Radcliffe	...	...	...	...	Is
Ralfe Dighton	...	...	...	...	Is
John Wilkison	...	...	...	...	Is
William Wilson	...	...	...	...	Is
John W Ratelocke	...	...	...	...	Is
John Johnson	...	...	...	...	IIIs IIId
Robert Thompson	...	...	...	...	Is Vid
Alexander Johnson	...	...	...	...	Is
Thomas Gill	...	...	...	...	Is
Richard Bayley	...	...	...	...	Is
John Roye	...	...	...	...	Is
Robert Steevenson	...	...	...	...	Is
James Smith	...	...	...	...	Is
William Asmore	...	...	...	...	Is
Dermott O'Kennan	...	...	...	...	Is
John Mankin	...	...	...	...	IIIs
Archy M'Caghan	...	...	...	...	O O
Henry Blackhurst	...	...	...	...	IIIs
John Hudson	...	...	...	...	Is
Thomas Kerran	...	...	...	...	Is
Robert Partridge	...	...	...	...	Is
John M'Cullogh	...	...	...	...	Is

Wee have assented to this Rate & doe desire that the same may be
levyd accordingly. Witness of hands the 12th day of October 1639.

Henry Le' Squire
Robt Foster Sovereigne
John Aishe John Leithes
Thomas Theaker





A settled course agreed upon by the Right Honorable the Lord Viscount Chichester the Sovereigne and Burgesses of the Towne of Belfast for the Governement and regulateinge of the Market and the measures to be used therein, and in y^e towne the first day of November 1639

Mr John
Arnold Att^y
at Law
in Belfast
fore me

First

That the measures be reduced to the Winchester measure. That is to say, thirty two gallons to the Barrell and soe proportionably for wheat, Rye Oate—meale, Salt, Beanes, and Pease and the measure to be striked

Secondly

That that Barrell for Mault, Barley and Oats be the double measure heapt,

Thirdly

That the water measure for Corne Coles and salt comeinge by sea from other p^{ts} to be sould at the said Towne be forty gallons of the like measure to the single Barrell,

Fourthly

That the measure to sell Beere and Ale by be the London measure

Fifthly

That the measure for Wyne be five quarts to the Wynchester gallon and soe proportionably

Sixthly

That to this purpose severall measures be made and kept in the Towne Halle to regulate all other measures by, And that none use any other measures to buy and sell by, but according to this p^{ro}portion and sealed by the allowed seale of the Towne and the yard and weights to be observed according to the law in that case made and provided and sealed,

Seaventhly
iid for booke-
ing of a Cowe

That every freeman pay for the bookeing of a Cowe bought in the Markett or other day two pence

Eighthly
iiid a Stranger

That every stranger pay foure pence

Agntbly
for every
Sheepe Swyne
or Goate

That every freeman pay for every Sheepe, Swyne or Goate bought as aforesaid a farthinge,

Tentbly
of a Stranger

That every stranger pay a halfe penny

Eleventbly
Mealemen for
the measure id
for y^e Room id

That every meale man pay for the use of the measure for the day a penny And for his Roome the day a penny

That forrayne Butchers that bringe meat to sell in the Market bringe the hide and tallow alsoe to the Market to sell and id to be paid for the custome of the hide

Twelthbly
for bookeinge
on horses vid

That every freeman and stranger pay for the Bookeinge of every horse bought in the Markett or other day six pence

13thly
id a load for
al sorts of Vict

That every horse load of Corne bread fish or other Victuall pay for the day a penny

14th
for a horse
load of any
Comodity
of id

That every Butcher, Pedler or other standinge on the grounde or otherwayes with his wares in the Markett being a horse load pay a penny

15th

That none sell or buy in the Markett before the Bell doe ringe w^h is appointed to be att tenn a Clocke under the penalty of forfeiture of the thinge bought

16th
for any beast
not standinge
in ye Pens to
be sould 6d

That no cattle horses sheepe hoggs or Goats stand in the places of the Markett to be sold but in the penns to that purpose sett up under the penalty for each Cowe or horse so standinge or other beaste as aforesaid Sixe pence

That those that have corne to sell doe bringe it to the Markett and that none buy out of the Markett

17th
for every
horse standing
empty in ye
Markett
place 6d

That noe p^{son} whatsoever after the two next markett dayes doe pester the Markett place with an empty horse upon the penalty for each horse Sixe pence

18th

That the Markett be kept rounde together and not scatteringe up and downe but all together in the Markett place

Provided always that these Orders and Customes shall in noe case extend to the Lord of the Castle for the tyme

beinge nor to the standinge to be made about the walls of
the Markett place

Edward Chichester
Henry Le' Squyre
Sovraigne
John Ayshe Jo. Leithes
Robt Foster John Wassher

7 Jan 1640

It was then ordered by the Sovraigne and Burgesses then
assembled that the Attorney shall take for his pleading only
twelve pence fees at his first retayning & twelve pence every
Court day after soe long as the action remaynes in Court
undecided.

8th Feb^r
1640.

The Informaton of Henry Sands gent: taken ye day & yeare
afores^d before ye Sovraigne & Burgesses then assembled

Sayth that upon or about ye 20th of November last John Warren brought
into this Towne 13 barrells of salt & being not free of ye Corporaton exposed
ye same to sale to one Mr. Gold not being free contrary to ye By Lawes &
orders of ye s^d Burrogh

It is therefore ordered by ye s^d Sovraigne & Burgesses
then assembled that ye said John Warren shall pay for & in
consideration of ye s^d salt ye sum of forty shillings to ye use
of the Burough afores^d.

Rob: Foster
Thomas Bramston
Tho: Theaker
John IH Haddocke
Sovraigne
Henry Le' Squyre
John Ayshe

8 february
1640

M. That ye eight day of february in ye yeare of o' Lord
God One thousand six hundred & fforty.

William Leithes of Belfast, marchant was by ye Sovraigne
& maior pte of ye Burgesses elected Burges for ye sd Burrough
in steed of John Willoughby gent deceased & being desired
to take his oath accordingly utterly refused to take ye same
but submitted himselfe to ye house for his fyne John IH
Haddock Sovraigne Henry Le'Squyre Robt Foster John
Ayshe. Thomas Brampton.

Feb 1640

M. That at ye Assembly aforesd, & by ye genrall consent of ye Sovraigne & Burgesses then assembled & upon ye refusall of William Leithes, Thomas Steephenson of ye said Burrough ffree comoner was elected Burges in steed of John Willoughby gen deceased, & is to be sworn on Thursday next accordingly. John IH Haddock Sovraigne, Henry Le'Squyre
 Robt Foster John Ayshe
 Thomas Bramston
 Tho^s Theaker

8 Feb 1640

M. That at ye same Assembly for consideracons therunto moving ye Sovraigne & Burgesses, & in respect to ye long absence of Gawen Boulty one of ye free burgesses of this corporacon it was thought fitt, that ye sd Gawen should be removed, w^h accordingly was done by consent of severall of his friends, and we doe make choice of Richard Gately to be Burgess in his steed.

This day sworn accordingly John I. H. Haddock
 Sovraigne. Robt Foster John Ayshe Henry Le'Squyre.

Thomas Steephenson sworne a free Burgess ye 25th day of
 February 1640

13 August 1640

At a Court then held it was concluded and agreed on that there shalbe an allowance of Tenn shill : a peece to two men that shall serve att the genrall Assize to be held for this County and 6s and eight pence to one man that shall serve at the Quarter Sessions for the Towne and Burrough of Belfast and the same to be leyed accordinge as the Sovraigne for the tyme beinge shall direct.

Henry Le Squyre
 Sovraigne
 John Ayshe
 Rob : Foster
 Thomas Bramston
 Thomas Hannington

13th August 1640

Whereas oath was made by Richard Duninge that William Roomeinge or his Servants did at or aboute the 8th day of this instant cast graines & other filth into the River that runeth through the middle of the Towne to the great annoyance of the neighbors and alsoe that John Whitelocke or his servants have comitted the like offence It is therefore ordered that the fine or some of tenn shillings sterl shalbe imposed and leyed upon each of them for this offence

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And Whereas alsoe the day & yeare afores^d Thomas Hanington gent. made faith that John Leithes about the 6th of August last or his servants committed the like offence he is therefore fined in the some of Tenn Shillings sterl

The charge of Candles for the Army for one moneth ended the 4th day of August 1640 & for one weeke ended the 11th of August 1640 is	...	...	...	1	19	6
More for Candles for 14 days ended the 25th of August 1640	...	...	...	0	14	0
for ye Bridge at ye Milewater	...	...	...	02	10	0
More for the wodden horse for ye Souldiers	...	...	...	0	16	6
Sum	...	...	...	6	00	0

For the fees of the Cattle Custome ^d through the Towne to be paid by Phelomy Coshnan	...	...	...	2	05	00
John Stewart for his freedome	...	...	...	1	06	03
Thomas Stevenson for his freedome	...	...	...	1	13	04
The Cattle Money for the yeare John Leithes gent was Sovraigne	...	...	...	2	05	00
				7	10	00

Att a Courte held the 13th day of August 1640 it was agreed and allowed that the money wthin disbursed should be paid & answeard by the Casualtyes wthin mentioned and the surplus thereof to goe to the further use of the Towne And the two Servants of the Towne wth the assistance of Ralfe Dighton Constable are forthwth to levy & take up the same to be employed to the disbursemts afores^d. And the same brought into Court the next Court day

Signed

Henry Le Squyre
Sovraigne

Jo Ashe

Robt ffoster

Thomas Bramston

Tho Hanington

20th August 1640

Whereas Marryan the wife of John Wreight was p^sented for keepinge a disordered house It is therefore ordered ordered (*sic*) that the s^d Marryan shall leave this Towne wthin 12 weekes next after or receive such ponishm^t as shalbe thought fit to be inflicted upon her for a p^sentm^t against her

24th Septembris 1640

Memorandum, that the customes of the cattle goeing through the Towne is sett to farme to Thomas Postely and

D

Phelimy Cushnan for the *rent* [sum] of fforty shillings sterl: p' Ann to be paid by them or either of them halfe yearely, that is to say, at Lady day and Michaelmas yearely for and duringe the terme of three yeares from the feast of St. Michael the archangel now next ensueinge the date hereof. The same to be paid and disposed of as the Sovraigne and Burgesses for the tyme beinge shall direct

Henry Le' Squyre
Sovraigne
John Ayshe
Rob Foster
John IH Haddock
Tho: Theaker

24th Die Septembris 1640

Upon the humble petition of Roger Robins at an assembly then held it was agreed that the said Roger Robyns shall be Towne Clearke of the Burrough of Belfaste dureinge his good demeanour & the pleasure of the Sovraigne and Burgesses for the tyme beinge he onely takeinge the fees allowed by the table of fees and both plt and Defend: not to be admitted to any pleadinge but by their Attorney and onely to drawe declarations for the plt

John IH Haddocke
John Ayshe
Rob Foster
Thomas Bramston
Thomas Hannington



A Rate made and agreed upon by the Sovereign and Burgesses of the Burrough of Belfaste the 18th day of October 1640 for and towards the Sevrall uses hereafter expressed vitz.

For Fire and Candlelight for the Souldyers untill Candlemas alloweing a barrell and halfe of char Coales & a pound of Candles a night w ^{ch} at 8 ^d the Barrell char Coale and foure pence the pound Candles Cometh to untill Candlemas the Some of ...	li	07 00 00
For Maces Armes and the Towne Seale for the Towne 26 whereof Mr Squire is pleased to pay six pounds thereof soe there to be paid by the Towne onely ...	li	20 00 00
For charge of Candles before and since Michaelmas last ...	03 10 10	
For Phelomy Coshnans charge to serve at the Assizes and Sessions ...	01 13 04	

w^{ch} severall somes are applottod and are to be leavyed as followeth

Mr Sovereign ...	XXVs	James Anderson ...	VIs
Mr Squire ...	Xs	James Smith ...	Vs
Mr Wassher ...	Xs	Wm Postley ...	Vs
Mr Foster ...	XXVs	Edward Archer ...	IIIs Vid
Mr Aysh ...	XXVs	Ralfe Dighton ...	Vs
Mr Bramstone ...	XXs	Quintin Catterwood ...	VIIIs
Mr Hanington ...	XXVs	Alexander Thompson ...	VIIIs
Mr Leithes ...	XXs	Hugh Doake ...	XVs
Mr Theaker ...	XXs	John Johnson ...	XIIIs
Wm Leithes ...	Xs	Robt Hollywoode ...	Vs
John Love ...	VIs	Richard Pitt ...	IIIs
John Wilkison ...	Xs	Edward Sandsbury ...	Is
Leonard Thompson ...	VIs	John Moore ...	Vs
Bartholomew Longe ...	VIs	Edmond O'Harten ...	IIIs
John Sheeles ...	Xs	Thomas Kerran ...	VIIIs
Ralfe Wall ...	IIIs	Richard Partridge ...	IIIs
John Sleeman ...	Vs	Wm Partridge ...	Xs
Francis Radcliff ...	Vs	Langely Carr ...	VIs
John Cottyer ...	IIIs	David Richy ...	IIIs
John Roy ...	IIIs	Wm Tomson ...	Vs
Thomas Barker ...	IIIs	Wm Cottyer ...	Xs
James Dowdy ...	IIIs	Wm Kelly ...	Vs
Willm Richy ...	IIIs	Thomas Dobson ...	IIIs
Mr Stevenson ...	XXVs	John Boyde ...	Xs
Walter Speede ...	IIIs	Walter Baly ...	IIIs
Thomas Remingham ...	IIIs	Jo: Huddlestone ...	IIIs
Richard Carron ...	IIIs	Tho: Taylor ...	IIIs
John Hudson ...	IIIs	Bryan McCorry ...	VIs
Henry Lorkham ...	IIIs	Jo: Mathewes ...	IIIs
Mrs Boltbey ...	IIIs	Alexander Johnson ...	Vs
Mr Gately ...	XVIs	Henry Sands ...	Vs
Robt Thompson ...	XIIIs	Marten Rattenbury ...	IIIs
Willm Roominge ...	IIIs	Symon Spicer ...	IIIs
Richard Cross ...	IIIs	Thomas Gill ...	Vs
Wm Wilson ...	IIIs	Richard Wall ...	IIIs
Robt. Sponer ...	IIIs	William Asmore ...	Xs

Andrew Croney ...	...	IIs	George Mankin and his		
John Wheath ...	...	Is	father ...	...	VIIIs
John Tomson ...	...	IIs	Richard Duninge ...	...	IIIs
John M'Murry ...	...	Xs	Edward Allen ...	...	IIs
Edward Morgan...	...	IIs	John Whatelock ...	...	IIIs
John Handcocke ...	...	IIIs	James Russell ...	...	IIs
George Thomson ...	...	Vs	Richard Stafford ...	...	IIs
John M'Cullogh...	...	Vs	Hugh Hodge ...	...	IIs
John Hadden ...	...	IIs	David Elles ...	...	IIs
Thomas Thetford ...	...	VIs	Wm Lathom ...	...	IIs
Edward Moore ...	...	Xs	Wm Robson ...	...	IIIs
Henry Blackhurst ...	...	XXs	Andrew Bell ...	...	IIIs
Tho Becke ...	...	IIIs	Stephen Mathewes ...	...	IIs
Tho Groome ...	...	Xs	Thomas Moore ...	...	IIIs
Symon Duninge ...	...	IIIs	Donnell O'Hanan ...	...	IIs
John Pitt ...	...	IIIs	Wright ...	...	IIs
John Stewart ...	...	Xs			
George Moore ...	...	Vs			
Robt. Machett for his free-			Sum total XXXV ^u ster		
dome ...	...	Xs			
Robt Batcheler for his free-					
dome ...	...	Xs			
Thomas Smith ...	...	Vs			

These are to will and authorize you Thomas Postely & Phelomy Coshnan Serjeants of Belfast to levy and take the sevrall somes to the names annexed of the p'sons named in this rate either by distresse or otherwayes beinge a rate agreed upon by us at an Assembly held to that purpose and this shalbe yo^r warr^t

Dated the 18th day of October 1640

And the same from tyme to tyme as it is collected to deliv^r to the Suffraigne

Signed

John IH Haddock
Sovraigne
Henry Le' Squire
John Aysh
Rob^t Foster
Tho: Theaker

Belfast.

M^t that the 30th daye of Januar 1642 upon the perusing of the Assessm^t for fire and candle light for the severall Guards w^h in this Towne it was found that many w^h the said assessm^t were not able to pay and many were Souldiers and could not bee compelled to pay whereby a great part of that asses^m was wantinge and 16li 6s 6d onely collected and that Mr. Sovraigne had fully disbursed that and 4li 5s 8d more of his owne money. There was therefore a new assess^m made the saide 30th daye of Januar 1642 for to serve for the remainder of the said Winter Season vizt untill May next and to pay Mr

Sovraigne the moneys hee hath disbursed of his owne above that w^h was collected of the last assess^{mt} by Tho: Stephenson gent sovraigne of the Borough and Towne of Belfast aforesaid. Rob^t Foster, John Ash, Tho: Theaker, Will^m Leythes gen: Burgesses of the said Towne and Hugh Doake and Will: Clugston Mthants & free staplers of the same w^h assessm^t is as followeth vizi.

James Anderson ...	3	0	George Moore ...	2	0
Thomas Becke ...	2	0	Mr. Foster ...	6	0
James Smyth ...	2	0	Tobias Courtney ...	2	0
Rob ^t Grayson ...	2	0	Nicholas Garnett ...	2	0
Will: Stewart Set ...	2	0	Wid: Nevins ...	6	0
Hans Jackson ...	2	0	Mr. Squire ...	10	0
Will. Postley ...	3	0	Mr Ash ...	5	0
Edward Archer ...	3	0	Thomas Cooke ...	2	0
Jo: M th Golphin ...	2	0	Leonard Hippie ...	2	0
Quintin Catterwood ...	4	0	Tho Gallopp ...	2	0
Mr. Hanington ...	6	0	Will Kinninge ...	3	0
Hugh Doake ...	6	0	Franc Ratcliffe ...	3	0
Rob ^t Doake ...	4	0	John Cottier ...	2	0
Adam Leythes ...	3	0	Mr. Burkett ...	2	0
Will: M th Kenna ...	4	0	Franc Robinson ...	2	0
Wid Thomson & her Sonne	4	0	Samuell Dixon ...	2	0
Willm Clugston ...	3	0	Rob ^t Matchett ...	3	0
Mr. Wm Leythes ...	6	0	Will Steawart ...	4	0
Jo: Chesnutt ...	2	0	Thomas Barker ...	2	0
Thom Postley Jun ^r ...	3	0	John Pitt ...	4	0
John Love ..	3	0	Edward Sandesberry	2	0
Thomas Roan ...	4	0	Ric Carron ...	2	0
Mr. Theaker ...	5	0	Willm Sandsbrook ...	2	0
Will: Ritchey ...	2	0	John Haddon ...	2	0
Ch ^r Gillett ...	3	0	John M th Gill ...	2	0
George Duncan ...	1	0	Tho: Carron ...	3	0
Rob ^t Spooner ...	1	0	Edm: Smyth ...	2	0
John Mitchett ...	2	0	Richard Carter ...	2	0
John Hudson ...	3	0	John Sanders ...	2	0
Will Wright ...	2	0	Will: Patridge ...	3	0
Phil Coshnan ...	4	0	Thomas Peeris ...	4	8
Henry Meade ...	2	0	Thomas Bethe ...	1	0
The Butcher next unto Meads	1	0	David Ritchey ...	2	0
The Brasier ...	4	0	Willm Thomson ...	1	0
Richard Gatlloy ...	6	0	Wid Cottier ...	3	0
Rob ^t Thomson ...	3	0	Wid: Boyde ...	3	0
Rob ^t Dinninge ...	1	0	Bryan M th Correy ...	2	4
Will Wilson ...	3	0	John Mathews ...	3	4
John Cracken ...	2	0	Walter Baly ...	1	2
John Thomson ...	1	0	Andrew Bell Meale man	1	2
Andrew Cromey ...	1	0	Allexan ^r Johnston ...	2	4
John M th Morrey ...	4	0	Nevin Viccar ...	1	4
Edward Webb ...	2	0	John M th Dowell ...	2	0
John Hancock ...	2	0	Tho: Gill ...	6	4
Rinyan Watson ...	2	0	John Kennan ...	2	4
James Dowe ...	1	0	Rob ^t Clugston ...	4	8
Nicholas Saxton ...	1	0	Mr John Leythes ...	4	8
Thomas Waterson ...	2	4	Willm Asmore ...	4	0

John Steawart	...	...	4	8	George Mankin	...	...	4	8
Thomas Keningham	...	...	4	8	John Whitlock	...	...	2	0
Wid Thetford	...	...	3	0	Martin Goose	...	...	2	0
John Thomson	...	...	2	0	John Warring	...	...	6	0
John Browne	...	...	6	0				li	s d
Sum total of this assess ^{mt} is									[16 4 2]
									15 7 0

Burgis de
Belfast in Co
Antrim

Att a meeting the seaventh daye of March Anno Dⁿⁱ 1642 by the Sovraigne and Burgesses of the said Borrough and Towne of Belfast whose names are hereund^r subscribed upon a plott by them laide downe & made for the makinge & erectinge of a Bulworke att the Strande side neare the house late of Bryan mcCorrey allotted for the said Sovraigne & Burgesses to erecte and make att their owne prop. costs & charges And the charge of the said worke now completed is found to amount to the some of thirtye pounds Sterl: It is therefore O^rdered and mutually agreed upon by the said Sovraigne & Burgesses that they the said Sovraigne & Burgesses respectively shall pay and contribute towards the finishinge of the said worke fiftye shillings sterl: a piece and that evrye of the saide Burgesses shall pay in hand p^rsent the some of twentye shillings in parte and the resid: as the worke proceedinge on shall bee thought fitt

Thomas Stephenson Sovraigne	...	2	10	0
Henry Le Squire Esquire	...	2	10	0
John Ash Gentl:	...	2	10	0
Rob ^{te} Foster Gentl:	...	2	10	0
John Leythes Gentl.	...	2	10	0
Thomas Theaker Gentl	...	2	10	0
Thomas Hanington Gentl:	...	2	10	0
John Haydock Gentl	...	2	10	0
Richard Gateley gentl:	...	2	10	0
John Davyes gen	...	2	10	0
John Mitchell gen	...	2	10	0
Willm Leythes gen	...	2	10	0
Walterhouse Crymble	...	2	10	0

24^o die Junii 1642

It is agreed that 20 loads of turfe shall bee allowed to the main Guard and by Guard evrye week for the space of halfe yeare w^h comes to 640 loads of Turfe att 4d a load comes to 10li 13s 4d to w^h is to be added 2 Barrells of Sea Coles evrye week for the said tyme w^h comes to 8 Tuns of Coales att 4li 16s od. In all for fyeringe 15li 10s od

This is to bee made by an equall applot^{ment} upon evrye Inhabitant w^{ithin} the Towne and the lib^{ties} thereof to bee brought in in Coales and Turfe before Lamas daye next or in defaulte thereof money to bee levied and their pawnes taken upp for itt. The applot^{ment} to be made on Thursday next at the Assemblye

Itt is also desired that Collonell Chichester will be pleased to give Order that evrye Companye may bringe in fyeringe for their Captaines & Officers and not to charge the Towne w^{ith} that p^{ar}ticular

24th die Junii 1642

Itt is agreed that the Sovraigne shall bringe in a list of the men that are to be of the Traine Bande of the Towne on Thursday next and that they may be then enrolled as Souldiers. And itt is humbly desired that Collonell Chichester will supply the said Souldiers w^{ith} armes soe many as shall be wantinge to be delivered to them. And an indenture to bee made and signed between the said Collonell and the Sovraigne to bind the Men and Armes may goe together from Sovraigne to Sovraigne whoe is to doe his best indeavour for p^{er}servation of the said Armes

24th die Junii 1642

Itt is agreed that the worke att the Bridge shall be finished att the charge of the Lo: Chichester whoe hath begun itt, the w^{ith} his Lo^{ds} Officers have undertaken to do

24th die Junii 1642

Itt is agreed that for the finishinge of the Rampier about the Towne all such as have not paid their former rates shall presently pay them or bee distrayned for them. And that for a further addition to that worke The Lord Chichesters Officer in his Lo^{ds} behalfe is content to make the Drawe Bridge and pallasadoes and the Towne is content to give a thousand dayes worke with a man. And itt is desired that in a further addition to soe necessary a worke that Collonell Chichester will take Order that each Companye of his Regim^{ent} may worke three score dayes to the said worke. And that hee will appointe their sevrall officers to see them p^{er}form itt. And alsoe to take Order that as many Souldiers as the Towne or other shall employ about the said worke may work for iiii a day ready money. And that the said dayes worke upon the Towne shall be applotted on Thursday next as the fyering is.

24th die Junii 1642

Itt is also agreed that such as have not paid their former assesses for Candles to Guards shall forthw^{ith} paye the same or be distrayned for itt. And that there shall be money plotted for eight score pounds of Candles against the next winter

24th die Junii 1642

Itt is agreed that money shall be given to some man out of the levye moneys for the Towne to burye all the carrions w^{ithin} the Towne & lib^{ties} thereof

24th die Junii 1642

Itt is agreed that Mr. John Ashe and Nicholas Garner shall have full power to levye moneys or worke w^{ithin} the Towne & lib^{ties} thereof, viz:— from the Myle Water to the Gardners house in Malone as the worke shall require whereof they are to give an estimate on Thursday next

All these Orders aforesaide were agreed upon by us att a meetinge for the whole Towne the said 24th daye of June

An Assessment made towards the mainteininge of Garrisons in Belfast aforesaid in the severall Guards wth in the same wth fire & candle light the 29th of Septemb^r 1642 for the winter season settled by Thomas Stephenson, gent^l, Sovraigne of the Towne and Burrough of Belfast aforesaid.

Henry Le Squire Esqr. Rob^t Foster gen^l: Burgesses of the saide Towne, Rob^t Nevins & George Martin m^rchants and free staplers of the same wth the names of such as were assessed and what they were assessed in and what they have paid of the same.—Sum total collected 16 16 6. (*154 names follow*)

Disbursed by Mr Sovraigne

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Sum total disbursed

An Assembly,
John Davyes
gen. John
Mitchell g^t
W^m Leythes
gent made
Burgesses

M^d that the fourth day of December 1642 att an Assembly by the Sovraigne & Burgesses of the Borrough & Towne of Belfast then being viz^t Thomas Stephenson gen^l: Sovraigne of the said Borrough John Ashe gen^l: Rob^t Foster gen^l: Thomas Hanington gen^l, Thomas Theaker gen^l: John Haydock gen^l: Richard Gateley gen^l: Burgesses of the said Towne It was then thought meet and conveni^t: to elect and chose three honest, sufficient discrete and understanding gentlemen & Free Staplers of the said Borrough & Towne of Belfast aforesaid to bee Burgesses of the said Corporacon and to fill upp the numb^r of Burgesses in the places of such of the said Burgesses as were then deceased and wantinge of the said numb^r: viz^t Lewes Thomson that hath absented & alienated himself out of this Kingdome for the space of six years last past. John Washer gen^l: deceased, and Thomas Bramston gen^l: deceased And therefore they the said Sovraigne & Burgesses aforesaid by vertue of their Charter for this their Corporacon by one generall & mutuall consent assent & agreement accordinge to the ancient use and custome of the said Towne and the Franchises and libties thereof have nomted elected & chosen in the place & steed of the said Lewes Thomson John Davyes gen Free Stapler to be one of the Burgesses of the said Towne and in the place & steed of Thomas Bramston gen dec John Mitchell gen^l: Free Stapler to be an other of the said Burgesses and in the place & steed of John Washer gen dec^d Willm Leythes gent^l Free Stapler to bee an other of the said Burgesses of the said Borrough & Towne of Belfast aforesaid which said John Davyes John Mitchell and Willm Leythes gent^l: and Free Staplers of the said Borrough were then willinge to accept of the said places of Burgesses and were then and there accordingly sworne & toke the oath of a Free Burgess of the said Towne before the said Sovraigne & Burgesses accordinge to the lawes use & custome of the said Towne and the Franchises and libties thereof

Burgess de
Belfast in
Com Antrym

Att a meetinge by the Sovraigne & Burgesses and the Cominalty of the said Borrough & Towne of Belfast for the provision of feringe and candle for the severall Guards wth in this Towne for this next yeare from the first of this pr^t Maye there was an estimate made towards the same for the some of fifty pounds sterl^r: to be forthwth levied of evry each Inhabitant wth in the said Towne and for an equall and indifferent assessm^t thereof to be made Mr. Hanington Mr. John Leythes and Richard Gatlcy Burgesses of the said Towne Willm Clugston, Quintin Catterwood, Willm Patridge Franc: Ratcliffe & Thomas Beck were generall elected, pointed and chosen by the said

Burgesses & Cominaltye w^t Assessm^t by the said Burgesses & Cominaltye was accordingly made the 13th daye of Maye 1643 in manner and forme followinge vizt.

for the highe ways

	s	d		s	d
James Anderson ...	4	8	Andrew Bell, Mealeman ...	3	0
John Postley ...	2	4	John M'Dowell ...	3	0
Rob ^t Grason ...	3	0	Nevin Viccar ...	3	0
Lancellott Jackson ...	1	6	Alex Johnston ...	4	0
Willm Stewart ...	2	0	Art ^t M'Holland ...	3	0
Thomas Beck ...	4	8	Ed Williamson ...	1	6
John Kennitye ...	2	4	Jo Johnston Merc ...	5	0
Thomas Addison Son ...	1	6	James Johnston ...	3	0
John Addison ...	2	0	John Lowden ...	2	0
Thomas Addison Jun ^r ...	3	0	Wid Thomson and her son ...	14	0
James Smyth ...	4	8	Willm Gryffyth ...	2	0
Thomas Whyteside ...	3	4	Nicholas Garnett ...	10	0
Willm Postley ...	4	8	Willm Chesnutt ...	3	0
Mr Mathews ...	6	0	Thomas Postley Junr ...	8	0
Edward Archer ...	5	0	John Love ...	3	0
John M'Golpin and his Mother ...	4	8	Edm: Smyth ...	5	0
Tho: Grome als Slye ...	5	0	Richard Wall ...	4	8
David Thomson ...	1	6	Mr Foster ...	14	0
John Roye ...	1	6	Rob ^t Clugston ...	7	0
Mr. Hanington ...	14	0	John Clugston ...	5	0
Hugh Doake ...	14	0	George Moore ...	4	8
Adam Leythes ...	5	0	Chr Marshall ...	4	8
George Smyth ...	2	0	Mr. Willm Leythes ...	14	0
Willm M'Kenna ...	5	0	Tobias Courtney ...	4	0
Rob ^t Doake ...	5	0	Willm Thomson Mrchant ...	3	0
Willm Clugston ...	5	0	George Stephenson Mrchant ...	2	4
Rob ^t Taverner ...	3	0	Wid Nevins ...	11	4
James Sheland ...	1	2	George Martin ...	14	0
Rob ^t Foster ...	1	2	John Taverner ...	5	0
George Johnson ...	1	2			
John Stewart ...	1	2	Mr. Squire ...	li 3	4
George Wilson ...	1	2	Mr Ash ...	14	0
John Dowey ...	3	0	Sa: Meeke ...	11	0
John Bamber ...	4	8	Sa: Johnson ...	11	0
John Coates ...	3	0	Willm Conway ...	3	0
Rob ^t Palmer ...	4	8	John Sergantson ...	1	6
Willm Coates ...	3	0	Rauff Pitt ...	1	0
Chr Thomson ...	1	6	Edward Morley ...	1	2
Thomas Doughwood ...	3	0	Nicholas Thomson ...	1	2
Patr M'Bryan ...	3	0	George Davison ...	1	2
James Hill ...	4	8	Thomas Yonge ...	1	2
Rob ^t Robinson ...	3	0	Mathew Sheppard ...	1	2
Ed Thomson ...	2	4	John Cottier ...	4	0
Tho. Cooke ...	3	4	Franc Robinson ...	7	0
Willm Dunshee ...	3	0	Theophilus Newton ...	2	6
Willm Bryan ...	1	2	Samuell Dixon ...	1	0
Nicholas Brookes ...	1	2	Mr Harrison ...	5	0
Rob ^t Mettam ...	3	0	Rob ^t Matchett ...	5	0
			John Adamson ...	2	0

	s	d		s	d
Rob ^{ts} Fisher ...	3	0	Thomas Quin ...	3	0
James Rogers ...	1	6	L ^d Dobbin ...	5	0
George Todd ...	2	0	Mr. Nearne ...	4	0
John Ransley ...	3	0	Chr Seaton ...	3	0
John Conway ...	3	0	Thomas Barker ...	3	3
Leonard Hippie ...	3	0	Ed Landsberry ...	3	0
John Lawell ...	3	4	Tho: Baker ...	5	0
Adam Aderson ...	2	0	John Pitt ...	4	8
Thomas Gallopp ...	3	0	Thomas Roan ...	10	0
Henry Marser ...	3	0	Mr Theaker ...	14	0
Wid. Sleminge ...	1	2	Thomas Waterson ...	3	0
Willm Kinning ...	5	0	Mr Hughes ...	2	4
Franc Ratcliffe ...	5	0	John Pitt Junr ...	1	6
Henry Simkins ...	3	4	Rob ^{ts} Walsh ...	10	0
James Ottiwell ...	3	0	John Walsh ...	5	0
Raufe the Taylor ...	1	6	Mr Stephenson ...	14	0
Roger Farrell ...	2	0	Chr Gillett ...	4	0
Willm Thomson ...	2	0	George Duncan ...	2	0
Art ^l O Donnell ...	2	0	Walter Speed ...	1	6
John Norman ...	1	6	Rob ^{ts} Spooner ...	5	0
Willm Sannders ...	3	0	John Mitchell ...	3	0
Henry Blackhurst ...	9	4	John Hudson ...	5	0
Richard Gateley ...	14	0	Phil Coshnan ...	6	8
Isack Walsh ...	4	0	Henry Meade ...	2	0
Rob ^{ts} Burkett ...	3	0	Willm Davyes & his partner ...	6	0
Tho Haslipp ...	2	0	Edward Webb ...	3	0
John Pantley ...	3	0	Willm Patridge ...	5	0
Allex M'Collough ...	4	0	Thomas Peeris ...	6	0
Willm Wilson ...	5	0	Loughlin Carr ...	3	0
John Wheats ...	4	0	David Richey ...	3	0
Wid Wheats ...	2	0	Willm Thomson ...	2	0
Andrew Cromey ...	2	0	Wid Cottier ...	4	0
John Thomson ...	2	4	John Coddard ...	2	0
John M'Morrey ...	6	0	John Davison ...	1	6
Stephen Mathew ...	2	0	John Gryme ...	1	6
Richard Stafford ...	2	0	John Skerryes ...	1	6
Wid Hancock ...	1	0	Wid Boyd ...	5	0
James Dowey ...	2	0	Willm Taylor ...	1	6
Wid Wyer ...	1	2	Rinyan Watson ...	3	4
Nicholas Saxton ...	3	0	Pat ^l M'Cawe ...	3	0
John M'Neisse ...	1	3	Archibald Caruth ...	5	0
Adam Burthick ...	2	0	Walter Correy ...	4	8
Tho: Florry ...	1	6	John Mathews ...	5	0
Mr. Allen ...	2	0	John Rigbie ...	5	0
Israell Christian ...	2	4	Walter Balye ...	3	0
Rob ^{ts} Kirke ...	1	6	Tho Stephens ...	2	4
Ric Carron ...	3	0	Allex the Scholemaster ...	3	0
George Wrybank ...	2	0	John Browne ...	14	0
Wid: Leythes ...	2	0	John Warringe ...	14	0
Wid Jeanes ...	2	4	Wid Thetford ...	5	0
Richard Johnston ...	3	0	John Barrowes ...	4	8
Wid Hudson ...	1	6	Martin Goose ...	3	0
John M'Gill ...	5	0	John Thomson, Butcher ...	3	0

	s	d		s	d
John Haddon	...	3 4	Wid: M'Collough	...	1 6
Tho Carron	...	7 0	John Whitlock	...	3 0
Richard Carter	...	4 0	Ed: Allen	...	1 6
Wid Clerkson	...	1 8	Morgan Joanes	...	1 6
Willm Thomson	...	1 6	Bernard Boskam	...	4 8
John Sanderson	...	2 0	George Mankin	...	7 0
Mr John Leythes	...	14 0	Tho Keningham	...	6 0
John Kernon	...	3 0	John Martin	...	3 0
James Taylor	...	2 4	John Stewart	...	5 0
Thomas Gill	...	5 0	John Cracken	...	3 0
Andrew Bill Serg ^t	...	2 0	Willm Asmore	...	5 0
Willm Hancocke	...	1 6	Wid Horner	...	3 0
Tho Postley Son	...	2 4	Willm Dunwithie	...	3 0
Chr Monncaster	...	1 6	Mr. Davyes	...	14 0
Willm Shaw	...	2 0	Mr Mitchell	...	14 0
Sandy Willy	...	1 6	Mr. Haydock	...	14 0
Walter Caruth	...	3 0		li	
Mr. George Bufore	...	3 4		50 0 0	
Rob ^e Arthur	...	3 0			



A Second Sesse mad the 22nd of December for 10 days provant for 400 Soulgers by those whose names are hereunder written

Mr Thomas Hanington	Nicholas Garner
Mr Hugh Docke	Quintin Catterwood
Wm Logston	George Mankin
John Stuard Marchant	Thomas Docke

A third Sesse being delivered the first of January 1644 According to the Sesse mad the 22 of December by

Mr Thomas Hanington	Nicholas Garner
Mr Hugh Docke	Quintin Catterwood
Willm Logston	George Mankin
John Stuard, March ^t	Thomas Docke

A Fourth Sesse made the 21 of January the same Sessers for 400 Soulgers for 10 days att 15d a man (127 names)

A Sess made ——— upon a troop of ye 20. horse that is allotted for payment and for Colonell Home his use, ye 21st of January 1644 (30 names)

The fift Sess made the 21st of January 1644 by ye last Sessers (121 names)

The 6^o Sess made by ye former Sessers ye first of February for 104 men att 14d the man (117 names)

Ye 7^o Sesse mad by ye former Sessers for men at 14d a man or 14^{oo} of melle for every man this 11th day of February 1644 (121 names)

A Ses made by ye sworne Sessers for 6 of ye genall Magor troupe for every one 12^m money & 3 bushels of ois February ye 15 1644 (94 names)

Belfast February ye 21 1644 for 9 dayes for 415 men (130 names)

Belfast

Att an Assemlie held before the Sovraigne Burgesses & Cominaltye of the Burrough & Towne of Belfast aforesaid the first day of March Anno dni 1644 It is ordered by one generall and mutuall consent assent & agreem^t That yf anie p^rson or p^rsons whatsoev^r shall att anie tyme or tymes hereafter bee refractorye or dissobedient to anie lawfull good and honest Lawe Order or Decree w^{ch} shall be ordered decreed made & established for the good and peacable governem^t of this Corporacon and for the necessary affairs thereof or shall wittingly or willingly by acte or deed or by anie malignant or contemptuous words abuse and dissobey the Sovraigne or Burgesses or anie of theym or anie other p^rson or p^rsons w^{ch} shall bee lawfully putt in Authoritye or in anie place or office for the affairs of this Towne shall suffer ymprisonm^t untill they submitt themselves by humble petition unto the Bench and shall forth^{with} pay such Fyne and further ymprisonm^t as by the Sovraigne & Burgesses shall bee legally ordered and imposed upon them accordinge to the nature and quality of the offence

Rob^t Foster
Sovraigne
Thomas Hanington
Willm Leithes
Richard Gately
Hugh Doake
John Steward

Belfast

An Assessm^t made the first of March Anno dni 1644 for fifteene pounds two shillings and two pence sterl: w^{ch} is due unto Mr Willm Leythes and in Arreares for fier and candle for six dayes provant to the Armye when they were out at the Leaguer and for twelve horses for the baggage at fourteene shillings a horse for thirtie six shillings w^{ch} is due unto the Sovraigne and Wid: Patridge for bricks for the Court of guard and for Iron work for the gates for making of the bridges at the gates and for the worke w^{ch} is now in workinge about the rampier (134 names)

Belfast the 14th of March 1644

A Sesse made for 6 of the generall marogers troop as followes (102 names,
Sum total 7 3 0):—

Belfast

An assessm^t made for the charge of makinge certaine Dams for the Trench and other charges about the same and for the remander of the moneys w^{ch} was

disbursed for provision that was to be taken upp w^{thin} this Towne for sixtie men and for the arreares w^{ch} is behinde for fire and candle light the 19th of Octob^r 1644 (*135 names, Sum total 23 5 0*)

Belfast

Know all men by these presents that I Henrye lord Blaney Baron of Monaghan doo acknowledge and confess myselfe to owe and stand indebted unto John Mathews of Belfast merchant the some of eleven pounds sterl currant money of and in England due to bee paid unto the said John Mathews his Executors, Administrators or Assignes uppon demand to w^{ch} pay^{mt} well and truly to be made & paid as aforesaid by the said Henrye Blaney doo bynde mee my heires, Executors and Administrators and everye of us firmly by these p^rsents. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the fiftenth day of Octob^r Anno dni 1644

Scaled signed and delivered
in the p^rsents of
Richard Wall

He Blayney 1644
vera copia concordat cū
original, et examinat, coram
Rob^t Foster
Sovraigne

Lisnegarvy 29 Octob^r 1644

Belfast

After thirtie dayes sight of this my first Bill my second not beinge paid I desire my worthy freind Mr John Dayves Comissarye of Victuall for the Ulster forces now at London to pay to Mr. John Mathew merchant or his Assignes the some of one & fortye pounds six shillings & eight pence sterl and charge the same uppon account betwixt us or so much of it as shall not be otherwise satisfied by Col: Hill as p.^r advice & soe I rest

Yo^r loveinge freind
Geo: Rawden
Vera copia concordat cū original,
et examinat, coram
Rob: Foster
Sovraigne

Lisnegarvy 29 Octob^r 1644

Belfast

After thirtie dayes sight of this my second Bill my first not being paid I desire my worthy freind Mr. John Dayves now at London and Comissary of Victuall for the Ulster forces to pay to Mr. John Mathew Merchant or his assignes the some of one and fortie pounds six shillings and eight pence sterl and charge the same uppon accounte between us or soe much of it as shall not be otherwise satisfied by Colonell Hill as p. advice and so I rest

Yo^r very loveinge freind
Geo: Rawden
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Rob: Foster

Belfast

Account made upp. this 29th of Octob^r 1644 at Lisnegarvy betwixt Mr. John Mathew and mee

In primis bought and recd of him 1 barrell of cut Tobacco
weyinge neat 150^{lb} at 3s. the pound 22 10 0

For the caske	00 02 0
For a dozen pounds more of the same tob rec by Mr Harrison ...	01 16 0
For a caske of hotte waters	01 12 0
For Druggs and a chest belonging to Mr James Renell lately dead & now bought for Mr Brookes for the use of the Lord Con- wayes Regim ^t & the Troope	20 00 00
Tot	46 00 0

Whereof paid in p ^t for the Druggs towards paym ^t of Mr Renells debts	04 13 4
due	41 06 8

Geo Rawden
Rob: Foster
Sovraigne

Belfast

The monthly assessm^t concluded upon the 14th of November 1644 by the maior parte of the Burgesses & Inhabitants of the Burrough and Towne of Belfast to be leyed of the saide Towne for the mantienine of six of the Generall Maior his Troop to begin the first of this Instante (109 names, Sum total 7 10 0)

The charge of the Baggage horse w^t have been ymployed for fetchinge the provant for Colonell Humes Regiment from Carrickfergus and alsoe the charge of boats w^t was ymployed for the like service sine the 29th of September last unto the 9th of December 1644

Imprimis for 4 Boats	
Itm 3 tymes w ^t horses	02 5 0
Twice 18 ^d horse and once 14 ^d horse } threescore & ten horses everye tyme }	14 18 8
More upon the Colonells service fiftie horse at 14 ^d a horse ... }	2 18 4
December the 12 th for Provant for 400 men for 10 dayes	
December the 22 th for Provant for 400 men for 10 dayes more	
Januar the first for Provant for 400 men for 10 dayes more	
Januar the 11 th for Provant for 400 men for 10 dayes more	
Januar the 21 th for Provant for 404 men for 10 dayes more	
februar the first for Provant for 404 men for 10 dayes more	
februar the 11 th for Provant for 415 men for 10 dayes more	
februar the 21 th for Provant for 415 men for 10 dayes more	
March the 2 ^d for fetchinge 10 dayes Provant from Carr by horse }	4 14 6
March the 12 th for one Boate freight of Provant for 10 dayes ... }	0 15 0

Belfast

Att the Court shoulde the twelveth of Decemb^r Anno dni 1644 before the Sovraigne Burgesses and Cominalty of the Burrough & Towne of Belfast then p^sent these persons hereafter named by a genrall elleccion & consent of the said



Sovraigne & Burgesses & Cominaltye were elected nominated and sworne to plott assess & compose all assessmt^s w^{ch} are or shall be imposed uppon the said Towne for anie service to the relieffe of such of the Armye which are now charged uppon the Towne vizt

Willm Clugston Jnr
John Stewart Mercht Jnr
Georg Mankin Jnr
Nicholas Garner Jnr
Quintin Catterwoode Jnr
Thomas Becke Jnr

A 10 days proviant for 400 soulgers (113 names)

The Second Sesse made the 14th of December 1644 according to the keep for 6 of the Genarall Mayor Troupe

beinge	7li	9s	2d
p ^d of this	5	17	9
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					1	12	5

Belfast An Assessm^t mad the 2nd of January 1645, for 7li 10s w^{ch} was laid on Mr Walcott, out of the last forty pounds w^{ch} was taken upp for the officers of Collonel Humes Regiment Dated the 22nd of December. (140 names)

Belfast An Assessm^t mad the 3d of January 1645, for proviant for 400 of Collonel Houmes Regemt for 10 days (145 names)

Belfast An Assessmt made the 13th of January 1645 for p^vant for 400 of Collonel Houmes Regiment for ten days 12^d in money or 19^{lb} of meale each man (135 names)

An Assesmt the 23 of Jan: 1645 made for 400 of Collonel Houmes Regiment 14^{lb} of meale or 12^d in money for 10 days (132 names)

A Ses for 6 of the generall Magors troupe the 14th of April 1645 (99 names, Sum total 6 19 3)

Belfast Att an Assemplye houlden the fift day of May 1645 before the Sovraigne Burgesses and Cominaltye of the Burrough and Towne of Belfast aforesaid then p^sent those p^sons hereafter named by a genrall elleccon & consent of the said Sovraigne Burgesses & Cominaltye were elected noiated and sworne to assemble and meet together when and soe often as they shall bee required and then and there shall plott compose

& make anie assessm^t w^t shall bee given them in charge for the genrall service of the said Towne vizt

Mr Willm Leythes }
Mr George Martin } Burgesses

Thomas Postley Mrchant }
Thomas Hardinge }
Willm Thomson Mrchant }
Tho Gillett } Cominalty
John Stewart Mrchant }
Quintin Catterwood }
Thomas Becke }
Nicholas Garner }

And these are to continue in the office of Assesso^r dureinge the Sovraigntye of Mr Foster now Sovraigne

Belfast

An Assessm^t made for the some of fourty eight pounds thirten shillings and two pence sterl for fire and candle for the Sevrall Guards w^t in this Towne from May day last untill May day next 1646 that is to say for one whole year the 10th day of May 1645 (*122 names, Sum total 48 13 2*)

Belfast

Whercas the Sovraigne Burgesses and Cominality of the Borrough and Corporaton of Belfast aforesaid have covennted and agreed w^t Mr Leythes one of the Burgesses of the said Towne That the said Mr Willm Leythes shall well and sufficiently furnish the severall guards w^t in this Towne wth fire and candle accordinge to the order & dirrecon given by L^t Colonell Maxwell unto the said Sovraigne & Burgesses untill the first daye of May now next ensuing and in consideracon thereof the saide Sovraigne Burgesses and Cominalitye have undertaken & promised to pay or cause to bee paid unto the said Willm Leythes the just and full some of fourtye pounds sterl: in manner and forme following vizt ten pounds in hand and other ten pounds at and uppon the last daye of this p^sent May and other ten pounds at uppon the 24th day of June now next ensueinge and other ten pounds being the last paym^t of the said some of fourtye pounds at uppon the first daye of August then next followinge

In Testimonye whereof the said Sovraigne Burgesses and Cominaltye as also the said Willm Leythes have hereunto subscribed their names the fifteenth day of May Anno dni 1645

Alsoe the saide Mr Willm Leythes hath undertaken to deliver six score cash of Torfe at or before the 29th of Septemb^r next w^{ch} shall be p^rserved and kept for the use of anie such Officer & Comander w^{ch} stands cheeff. Governor of this Towne & Garrison dated the 15th day of May Anno dni 1645 for w^{ch} he is to bee allowed out of his Sesse

Willm Leithes
Tho Postley
Quintin Catterwoode
Christopher Gillett
William Tomsonn

Rob Foster Sovraigne
Thomas Hanington
Richard Gatlief
Hugh HD Docke
Marke

15th May 1645

That the daye and yeare aforesaid John Miller p
voluntariely and freely referred to the
of Mr Willm Leythes & Willm Thomp
arbitrators indifferently elected and chosen bet
the ending Order & determininge of all differen
betwixt them and that the said order and awar
by the said arbitrators betwixt the said ptyes
of this instant May and yf the said arbit^r
said differences Mr Hugh Doake is elected
to make a final end & award in the same
the saide John Miller & Rob^{ts} Clugston
their execut^{rs} Adm^{ns} & assignes either to
ten pounds sterl to bee paide upon demand
shall refuse to p^rforme observe & keep
award made by the said arbitrat^{rs}
the Sovraigne hath subscribed his name

Rob Foster
Sovraigne

By verteu of a warrant dated the 15 day of May the sworne Sesors hath
mad the Sesse for the mainting of six of the generall Majors Troop of the
inhabetance of belfast (*63 names, Sum total 3 7 2*)

22d of May 1645

Rob^{ts} Clugston of Belfast Merchant and John Miller of
aforesaid all contraversies betwixt them for money
all other demands whatsoever by their consents
and order of quarter Mr Leythes and Willm Thomp
st to make a full end thereof that that the
ore cause of champers for anie matter whatsoev^r
begininge of the world unto this p^rsent
day wherefore the above named arbitrat^{rs} doe order the said
and John Miller shalbee good loving freinds
for givinge either other anie passagees
this p^rsent day and wee order and
satisfaccon Rob^t Clugston shall pay
unto John Miller. the full and just some
and fifteen shillings of currant money

that now passeth in paym^t betwixt man and man in Belfast at this p^sent and this money to bee paid the eight day of June next to come and all their bookes for receipts and deellings to be crossed and cleared and all other notes and Bills betwixt them to bee cancelled and torne and alsoe wee order that Rob^t Clugston shall pay unto John Miller the execucon for ten shillings w^t the charge recorded against him in Court and alsoe the money due to Willm Miller sonne of the said John Miller at the tyme it shalbee due and ——— 10^{lb} is spent at this p^sent to bee paid equally between them under this our order. Witness our hands the day aforesaid

Willm Leythes
Willm Thomson

June 10th 1645. A Ses mad for the generall Major Troupe for this p^sent month (70 names, Sum total 3 11 6)

Belfast

The Affidavit of Thomas Postley of Belfast afo
Sergeants of Belfast aforesaid for and concerninge the
of an execucon upon the body of Rob^t Clugston of
aforesaid merchant a^t the suit of Willm Bridge
Merchant for a certain debt of fourteen pounds and sixteen shillings sterl
w^t costs recorded against him in the saide Court by the saide Bridg

The said Thomas Postley uppon oath saith that after order given by the
Generall Major for doeing of execucon upon the said Rob^t Clugston according-
inge to the judgm^t given in the saide Courte uppon the verdict given by the
Jury w^{ch} was then uppon the saide tryall and by warrant from the Sovraigne
hee took and arrested the saide Rob^t and brought him in saufe keepinge
before the said Sovraigne whoo uppon the same committed him into sure
custody of this deponent and soe remaineinge in custody as aforesaid the said
Rob^t Clugston desired this deponent to goe with him along before Major
Coughran and thereuppon the said Major Coughran desired the Sovraigne to
comune furt^r w^t him who accordingly did And some conference betwixt the
saide Sovraigne and the said Major Coughran the saide Rob^t saide unto the
saide Sovraigne (I did not take him before yo^r sergeant but now I will take
him) and the Sovraigne saide (you may doo yo^r pleasure) and uppon that the
Sovraigne went his way and the said Major then tok the said Rob^t Clugston
away from this deponent

The saide Thomas Postley
sworn before me Robt Foster
Sovraigne of Belfast aforesaid
the 17 of June 1645

Thomas Postley

Rob^t Foster
Sovraigne

July ye 7th A Sesse mad for the Genarall Major troupe & for 4 horse
from Knocvergus with provend at 9th ye horse 1645 (94 names, Sum total
5 9 3)

The 10th of July 1645

An assessment mad for 400 of Collonel Homes his Soulders for provant
at 15^d of meall a man for 10 dayes as followes (117 names)

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The 21 of July 1645.

An assessment mad for 400 men in guard as follows (129 names)

The Sesse for Generall Majores Troope for 1 month ending the last of August 1645 for the month of September, payinge over againe (92 names
Sum total 3 9 1)

August 11th 1645

A Sesse mad for 400 Soulders att 15^d of mell or 14^d in money (127 names)

August the 13th 1645

A Sses mad by the sworn Sessers for 26 bagage horses to goe out with the Regiment

1	Mr. Harrington two third of a horse	...	...	2 parts
	Quintin Catterwood one third p ^t	...	...	1 p ^t
3	Mr. Thomas Walcot 2 horse	...	...	2 horses
4	Mr. George Martyn one horse	...	...	1 horse
5	Mr Hugh Docke one horse	...	...	1 horse
6	Thomas Waringe one horse	...	...	1 horse
7	Robt & John Clogston one hors	...	...	1 horse
8	Mr Laythes 2 third of a hors	...	...	2 p ^t
	Willm M'Keney one third p ^t	...	...	1 p ^t
9	John Browne two 3 p ^t} }	...	...	1 hors
	Timothy Milne 1-3 p ^t} }	...	...
10	Willm Tomson halfe horse }	...	...	1 hors
	John M'Bryd halfe a horse }	...	...
11	Mr Sovraigne 2 third parts }	...	...	1 horse
	Mr John Waringe 1 third pt }	...	...
12	John Stuard marchant halfe a horse	...	...	} 1 hors
	Jo: Keningham halfe a horse	...	...
	John Pordon Loder & John Galpin halfe a quarter to helpe them	...	...
	George Mankin halfe a horse	...	...	} 1 hors
13	George Tomson one quarter }	...	...
	Willm Asmore one q ^t} }	...	...
	John Mathes halfe a horse	...	...	} 1 hors
14	John Rigby halfe a horse	...	...
	John Whitlocke halfe a quarter to helpe them	...	...
	Tho: Gill one quarter horse	...	...	} 1 hors
	Walter Carouth one quarter	...	...
15	Nevin Vicker 2 p ^a of a quarter	...	...
	Walter Baly one 3 of a quarter	...	...	} 1 hors
	Andrw Bell & David Richey one quarter	...	...
	Edward Smith one third of a horse	...	...	} 1 hors
16	Mr Wall one 3 of a horse	...	...
	Nemia Richardson 2 p ^a of a third	...	...
	John Love one third p ^t of a third	...	...	} 1 hors
17	Tho: Posell march ^t halfe horse	...	...
	Tho: Becke & Nickoles Garner halfe }	...	...

	James Anderson one quarter	}	1 hors
	James Smith one quarter				
18	Willm Posell 2 p ^{ts} of a quarter				
	John Kenedy 1-3 of a q ^r				
	Edward Archer 2 p ^{ts} of a q ^r				
	John Tomson Tayler 1-3 p ^{ts} q ^r	}	1 hors
	George Simpson one quarter				
	Widdow Tomson one q ^r				
19	Robt Marke & Cristopher Marshall one q ^r				
	Cristopher Gillitt & Gorge Donkin 1 q ^r				
	Richard Gatley halfe a horse	}	1 hors
	Ralph Huston 2 third p ^{ts} of a quarter				
20	Willm Sands one thr: part of q ^r				
	Willm Wilson & Tho Gallop one q ^r				
	John Martyn one quarter of horse	}	1 hors
	Andrw M'Ellroy & John Doey $\frac{1}{2}$				
21	John M'Ellroy & Tho Cooke $\frac{1}{2}$				
	dockter Nearne one quarter				
	Mrs Lee Squire one halfe of horse	}	1 hors
	John Tomson Castell 2 third of a q ^r				
22	Willm Davis one 3 p ^{ts} of a q ^r				
	Mrs Stinson one quarter				
	Robt Docke halfe horse	}	1 hors
23	George Smith one quarter				
	Rinan Watson one quarter				
	John M'Morey 2 p ^{ts} of a quarter				
	James Douey 1 third of a quarter	}	1 hors
	John Hadden 2 p ^{ts} of a qu				
24	John Michell one third of a quarter				
	John Sanderson 2 p ^{ts} of a quarter				
	John Harden Smith one third of q ^r				
	Roger Haselden halfe a q ^r	}	1 hors
	Rich: Carran halfe a q ^r				
	Robt Spralle halfe a horse				
	Robt Henderson one quarter				
25	John Anderson 2 p ^{ts} of a quarter				
	John Hugheson 1 third p ^{ts} of a q ^r	}	1 hors
	Willm Rominge one quarter horse				
	John Kenan & John Docke one q ^r				
26	Willm Douthe & Willm Bryan halfe q ^r				
	Cristopher Cotes & Widdow Kyle halfe q ^r				
	Alexander Sinkler & Willm Corner 2 q ^{ts}	}	1 hors
	Henry Marston & Tho: Quin halfe q ^r				



August 28 A Ses for 6 bagage horse

Mr Hanington, Mr Walcott, Mr Martyn and ther partners one horse	1 hors
Mr Dooke, Mr. Tho Waringe, Rob ^t Clogston & Mr Laythes & ther partners	1 hors
Mr Browne, Willm Tomson, John Stuard & Gorge Mackin & ther partners	1 hors
John Mathews, Thomas Gill, Edward Smith & Tho Postell & ther partners	1 hors
James Anderson, Gord: Stinson, Mr Gatley John Martyn & ther partners	1 hors
Mrs Lee Squire, Rob ^t Dooke John McMoray Rob ^t Sprall & Willm Rominge & ther p ⁿ ers one horse	1 hors

Agust the 28 1645

A Sesse made for the quante of biscet booter and cheese and two boates freight for bringen upp proviant from Carrickfargus the Somme beeinge

	li	s	d
	11	12	4
Mr Harrinton and his partnerners	0	9	0
Mr Georg Martin	0	9	0
Mr Walcott	0	18	0
Mr Hough Dooke	0	09	0
Mr Tho: Warran	0	9	0
Mr Robt Clogston John Clogston	0	09	0
Mr Willm Laythes and his partnerners	0	09	0
Mr Jo: Browne and his partners	0	09	0
Willm Thomson and his partners	0	09	0
John Steward and his partners	0	09	0
Georg Manking and his partneres	0	09	0
John Mathewes and his partneres	0	09	0
Tho: Gill and his partneres	0	09	0
Edward Smith and his partneres	0	09	0
Tho: Postley Marcht and his partners	0	09	0
James Anderson and his partners	0	09	0
Georg Steensonn and his partners	0	09	0
Mr Gatley and his partners	0	09	0
Jo: Martin and his partners	0	09	0
Mrs Lesquire and hir partners	0	09	0
Robert Dooke and his partnerners	0	09	0
Jo McMorey and his partners	0	09	0
Rob Fyronall and his partners	0	09	0
Will: Kinard and his partners	0	09	0
Mr Soffrane and his partners	0	09	0
li s d			
11 14 0			

Mr George
Martyn and
Mr Hugh
Dooke
sworne
Burgesses

That att the Courte of Assembly houlden for the Borrough of Belfast aforesaid the third day of Oct^r Anno dni 1645 in the tyme of Rob^e Foster Gentlman then Sovraigne Mr Ashe Mr Hanington Mr Theaker, Mr Gateley, Mr Willm Leythes

Burgesses then p'sent. It was thought meete and convenient by the said Court to ellect and choose three honest sufficient discreet and understanding gentlemen Free Comoners of the said Towne to fill upp the numb^r of Burgesses in the places of such of the Burgesses w^{ch} were then deceased, vizt (Mr Squire, Mr John Haydocke and Mr Thomas Stephenson) And therefore therefore (*sic*) they the said Sovraigne & Burgesses by vertue of their Chearter and accordinge to their ancient use and custome by one genrall consent & agreemt and by the well likeing and affeccion of the whole Cominaltye there present ellected and chose Mr George Martyn Mr Hugh Doake and Mr John Leythes sonne of Mr. Willm Leythes gentl. and Free Staplers of the said Towne Mr Martyn and Mr Doake then willing to undertake the same ymediatly were sworne and took the oath of a free Burgess and were then admitted into the said number of free Burgesses of the said Towne accordinge to the Lawes use and custome of the said Towne and the Franchises and Libties thereof but Mr John Leythes being then in England was respited for the taking of his oath until his next return out of England



Belfast

An Assessmt made the 13th of October, 1645, for the monthly mantennce of six of Generall Maiors Troope for twentie shillings sterl for each horseman for this month according to Genrall Maiors order (91 names, Sum total 3 3 0)

Belfast

Rich^d Stafford
appointed
Sexton of the
parish

Att the Court houlden the 16th day of October 1645 It is ordered by the Sovraigne and Burgesses together wth the Cominaltye then p'sent that Richard Stafford beinge appointed Saxton for the parish Church of Belfast aforesaid hee shall receive for his yearly stypends and wages for his office & service of every howshoulder within the said parish and also of every other person or persons whatso^r following anie trade or occupacon wthin the said Toune and parish though hee bee a single man and unmarried though he bee noe howshoulder yet they shall pay everye one foure pence sterl: unto the said Richard Stafford yearly dureing the tyme hee shall contynue in the said office and that everye one as aforesaid shall pay

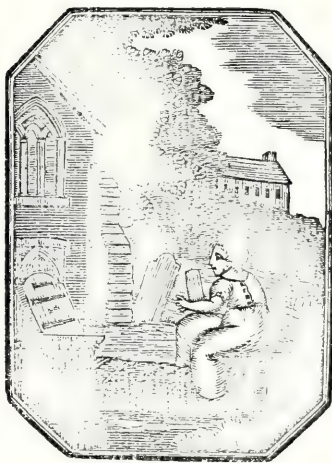
present in hand foure pence a yeere sterl for a whole yeare
now ending at May next. And alsoe the said Richard
Stafford shall receive for every buryall at the said Parish
Church hereafter foure pence sterl for makinge the grave.
The said Richard Stafford takeing diligent care and charge
for the decent keepinge of the saide Church and Church yard
in decent order

Willm Leithes

Sov.:

Hugh HD Doocke,
Quintin Q C Caterwoode

Rob: Foster
George Martin
John Stewartt
Robert Clugston
Jno: Becke





Belfast



HEREAS it was formerly granted that the Inhabitants at Mr Ash his Trench should contribute w^t Malone in all Sesses *for the Troope* for one year and now that the year is ended It is thought expedient and soe ordered by the Sovraigne & Burgesses together w^t the Cominalty of the Borrough & Towne of Belfast aforesaid now assembled that the saide Inhabitants at the said Trench shall contribute noe further with the said Malone but w^t this said Towne of Belfast as formerly hath been done

17th Octob^r. 1645

Belfast

An Assessm^t made the 25th day of Octob^r. 1645 for foure Boate loads of provant from Carrickfergus, for one horse to Killwarlin, 4 horses to Eden Carrick and for moweing the grasse about the Rampier, the whole som is 2^u 16^s 0^d (24 names)

Belfast

An Assessm^t for 42^u w^c is ypmosed uppon the Inhabitants of Belfast for supply of the officers of Colonell Humes Regim^t by order from the honor^{bl} his M^{ty} Comissioners Governors of Ulster the first of Novemb^r. 1645 (111 names)

The names of the Grand Jury of the Courte of Assembly houlden the second of Novemb^r. 1645, w^c were then ellected by the Sovraigne Burgesses & Cominalty to bee Assessors uppon all occasions for the Towne w^c shall be requisit for them and to continue in the same office untill the next Court of Assembly

Ch^r. Bramston
Thomas Wareing
Ch^r. Gillett
Ch^r. Marshall
James Anderson
Edward Smyth
John m Morrey
Willm Asmore

Nicholas Garner
John Mathews Tanner
Willm Kinning
Raufe Hughston
George Mankin
John Whitlock
Willm Davyes

- Belfast An Assessm^t made the fourth daye of Novemb^r 1645 for provant for foure hundred Souldiers of Colonell Hume his Regim^t for ten dayes at 15^s of meale a man as followeth (128 names)
- Belfast An Assessm^t made the 15th dayes of Novemb^r 1645 for provant for foure hundred Souldiers of Colonell Humes Regim^t for 10 dayes (128 names)
- Belfast An Assessm^t made the 17th of Novemb^r 1645 for the monthly mentennce of six of Generall Majors Troope for twelve shillings ster^t and three Bushell of Oats for each horsman for this month according to Genrall Majors order the last winter (113 names, Sum total 6 6 8)
- Belfast An Assessment mad the 19th of November 1645 for 6 of Generall Majors Troopes at 12^s a man & three Bushells of Oates a man (131 names)
- Belfast An Assessm^t made the 26th of Novemb^r 1645 for a further supply of the Captanes of Colonell Homes Regim^t for 20th 10^s 6^d and for other occasions for the Townes service (116 names)
- Belfast An Assessm^t made the 26th of Novemb^r 1645 for 400 of Colonell Humes Regim^t for provant for 10 dayes and 4 of the Canoneeres (126 names)
- Belfast An Assessm^t made the third daye of Decemb^r 1645 for provant for 400 Souldiers of Colonell Humes his Regim^t for 10 dayes (125 names)

The Assessors names

John Mitchell gen	John Steawart m
Robt ffoster gen	John mc Morroy
Richard Gately gen	Thomas Bork
Tho Bramston	

- Belfast The names of the Assessors elected and chosen by the Sovraigne Burgesses and Cominaltye of the Borrough and Towne of Belfast aforesaid assembled and convened together the eight of Decemb^r 1645 and then sworne assessors and to continue in the same office uppon all assesses unto the Court of Assembly next after Chrmas or otherwise untill they shall be discharged of the said office

Mr Harrington and } Burgesses
Mr Doake }

Willm Clugston
Chr Marshall Junr
Quintin Catterwoodd Junr
George Mankin
Chr Gillett Junr
Tho: Beck Junr

Belfast

Money disbursed by M^r Willm Leythes Sovraigne for sevrall uses
and Services for the Towne as followeth

Imprimis.	2 Tun of Coles for the Colonell Hume at 10 ^s 8 ^d the Tun	}	...	...	1 1 4
	Mor for 2 Tun of Coles to him		...	...	0 18 0
Itm	One Tun of Coles for the L ^t Col. Maxwell	}	...	...	0 08 0
Itm	for making up the hedge at the Strande to keepe upp the Rampier	}	...	...	0 18 8
	for mendinge the way to the Strand for mendinge the Guards	}	...	...	0 08 8
Itm	Paid downe for p ^t of paym ^t for the butter w ^t the officers had when the went to the Feild	}	...	...	0 06 6
Itm	laide downe to maike up the pay for Daniell Monro his Troope	}	...	...	0 13 2
Itm	laid out for shingles to mend the Church w ^t}.	}	...	...	0 05 0
Itm	laide out to make upp the money for the Officers in the last Sess	}	...	...	0 05 8
Itm	for 46 foott of bords to mend the Colonells windowes for nayles and worman shipp	}	...	...	0 06 7
Itm	for the Comon Charge of Souldiers Sessed in five houses for the Sessing of the Officers	}	...	...	1 3 4
Sum total			...	...	<u>7 0 5</u>

Belfast

An Assesment mad ye 10th of December 1645 for 7th 7^a 6^d ster wh M^r
Sovraigne hath Disbursed for the Towne (131 names, Sum total 7 10 0)

Belfast

An Assesment mad the 13th of December 1645 for provant for 400
Souldiers of Collonell Humes Regement for 10 days. (147 names)

Belfast

An Assesment mad the 21st of December 1645 for the monthly main-
tenance of the Officers in Collonell Hums Regement for 30^d (140 names)

Belfast

An Asses^{ment} mad the 23rd December 1645 for p^rvant for 400 men of Co^d
Houmes Regent for 10 days (144 names)





O the right honor^{ble} Colonell Hume Governo^r of
the Towne and Castle of Belfast &c

The humble petition of all
the Inhabitants of the Towne
of Belfast Tennts unto the
right honor^{ble} Edward lord
Viscount Chichester }
humbly sheweth unto yo^r
honor that Mr Walcott
cheeff Agent for the said
lord Viscount Chichester
wⁱⁿ the Barronye of Belfast
obtained an order from his Excellency Generall Lesley and
alsoe an other order from the Generall Majo^r Monrow for the
takinge upp of the Rents of each Tennt of the saide lord wⁱⁿ
the said Barronye by vertue whereof hee hath duely receaved
the said Rents ev^r since And now they will have a halfe
yeares Rent to pay Att the first of Novemb^r next. Yo^r
humble petition^{rs} therefore in manifestinge their duety and
service unto yo^r hono^r and for the supply of yo^r hono^r Officers
for the p^rsent are and wilbee willinge to pay the said halfe
yeares rent unto yo^r hono^r for the said supplie If yo^r hono^r
would bee pleased to procure an order from the Generall
Major where yo^r humble petitioners may be secured and
discharged and alsoe saved harmelesse from the said Lord
Viscount Chichester his Assignes and Agents whatsoev^r. in
payinge their said rent unto yo^r hono^r and they shall pray &c.

Willm Leythes Sovraigne

Franc Ratcliff	Hugh Doak	Rob Foster
George Mankin	Richard Carron	Thomas Hanington
John Galphin	John Steawart	George Martin
John Pitt Senio ^r		Richard Gately
Chr Bramston		

Belfast

At the Courte holden the 4th of March 1646 Thomas
Carran Connstable of the Borrough & Toune of Belfast afore-
said being examined and sworne concerning the execucon of
a warrant given to him by the Sovraigne against John

Stewart of Belfast aforesaide merchant uppon oath saith That hee went w^t that warrant to attatch and arrest the saide John Stewart and him sauily to keepe untill hee should find Suertyes for the peace against all his Ma^{ty} leidge people and espialye against Thomas Hanington gentl: one of the Burgesses of this Toune whom hee had assaulted & beaten in the oppen streets here in Belfast aforesaid and most scandalously abused by scandalous words calling him p^rjured knave but the saide John Stewart desired the saide Constable to see his warrant w^t hee showed him and haveinge read it hee in a most contemptuous manner and against his oath beinge Sworne a Free Comoner tore the saide warrant and did throw it into the fire and would not obey the Connstable at all, againe the Sovraigne sent out another warrant for the saide John Stewart for suertyes for the peace as aforesaid and to answer for his contempt against the other warrant and the saide Constable goeing to execute second warrant directed to him by the Sovraigne the saide John Stewart desired the Connstable to see his warrant w^t the said Connstable showed him and the said Stewart when hee received the warrant put it upp in his pockett and would not obey him at all

Burgess de
Belfast in Com
Antrym

Whereas at the Court houlden the 6th of March 1646 it is made manifest by sufficient Testimony in open Court That John Stewart of Belfast aforesaid Merchant had not onely abused Thomas Hanington gentl: one of the Burgesses of this Toune by scandalous words but alsoe had assaulted & beaten the said Mr Hanington in the open Streets here in Belfast aforesaid and alsoe in a most contemptuous manner disobeyed 2 sevrall warrants of the Sovraigne all w^t beinge against his oath of a Free Comoner and against an Order made the first of March 1644 for w^t offences of the said John Stewart, wee the Sovraigne and Burgesses whose names are hereund^r written here assembled at this said Court doo disfranchisse the said John Stewart of all libtyes and priviledges of this Corporacon

John Ayshe Sovrne

Richard x Gattley
marke
Hu^b x Doake
his marke
George Martin

Rob. Foster
Thomas Hanington
Tho Theaker

Belfast

Att an Assembly houlden by the Sovraigne & Burgesses the eight daye of Novemb^r 1647 the saide John Steawart M^{rs} in the order above menconed acknowledging his offence and submitting himself to the Bench uppon serious deliberation and uppon the good oppinion of the said Sovraigne & Burgesses & their good affeccion unto the said John Steawart they have not onely remitted the said John Steawarts offence but alsoe they the saide Sovraigne & Burgesses have received & admitted the said John Steawart to bee a Free Stapler & Free Comon^r of this Toun according to the ancient libtyes priviledges & franchisses of the said Toun

Tho Theaker
Richard Gatlie. Rob: Foster
George Martin
Willm Leithes Thomas Hanington



To all Xtian people to whom this p^rsent writing shall come We the Sovraigne and Burgesses of the Borrough & Towne of Belfast in y^e County of Antrim within y^e Kingdome of Ireland send Greeting in our lord God everlasting Know yee that John Martin of Belfast aforesaid merch^t in y^e tyme of William Leathes gentelman now Sovraigne of the Borrough and Towne of Belfast aforesaid upon his humble petition unto y^e said Sovraigne and Burgesses was admitted and sworne a Merchant Stapler and free Comoner of the Corporacon & Towne of Belfast aforesaid according to the Franchises libertyes priviledges of the said Toun unto the said Sovraigne and Burgesses by his Ma^{ties} Let^{rs} p^rattents granted In testimony whereof wee have caused the Common Scale of the said Toun to these p^rsents to be fixed the seaventh day of Aprill in the twoo and twentieth year of the Reigne of our Sovraigne lord Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Kinge Defend^r of the faith Anno dni 1646

WILLIAM LEATHES
Sover

Richard Wall Towne Clerke
of the Borrough aforesaid

Att an Assembly houlden the 18th day of June Anno dni 1646 Willm Leythes gen Sovraigne, Mr Foster Mr Hanington Mr Gateley Mr Martin Mr Doake Burgesses of the Borrough aforesaid then p^rsent together wth many of the Cominaltye John Leythes Gentl sonne of the saide Mr Willm Leythes was sworne one of the Burgesses of the saide

Toune according to the elleccion & order by the Assembly at the Court houlden the third of Octob^r 1644 and toke the Oath of Burgess according to the use and custom of the said Toune

Willm Leythes

Sov^r

George Martin

1646

Rob Foster

Thomas Hanington

Richard Gateley

Hugh Doake

Att an Assembly held for the Burrough of Belfast the 20th day of March 1643. Wheras there were two of the Burgesses of the said Burrough Deceased vizt Henry: L.: Squire Esq^r and John Haddock gent: Therefore in the p^resence of Thomas Theakir Suffran thence—the major part of the Burgesses whose names are hereunder written Major George Rawden and Captain Roger Lyndon were elected to be made free Burgesses of the said Burrough

Tho Hanington

John Mitchell

John Leithes

Tho Stephenson

William Leithes

Richard Gately

Att the Assembly 18 Junnii 1646 it was proclaimed by the said assembly concerninge the said order that it was proved by the said assembly that the said order was not legall but fained

Willm Leathes Sov

1646

Thomas Hanington

George Martin

Rob^t Foster

Att an Assemblye houlden the 18th of June 1646 it was thought meete & expedient that the order above specified for the election of Roger Lyndon Esq^r and George Rawden Esq^r to be Burgesses as aforesaid shall be repealed and utterly revoked

Willm Leathes, Sov^r:

Rob^t Foster

George Martin

Thomas Hanington

Richard Gatlie

Hughe Doake



Belfast



TT the Court of Assembly houlden the 13th of Januar 1647 It was moconed by the said Courte That an honest discreet and und'standing man well learned in the law shall bee ellected and chosen to bee a constant Towne Clerke of this Courte of the Borrough of Belfast aforesaid and to have a patent for the due execucon of his office *during his good behavior* according to the auncient use and custom of this Towne and according to the libtyes and priviledges as hath been used in other Courts and this ellecon to be made by the Sovraigne and Burgesses at the next Court to be houlden for this said Burrough to the end that all records belonging to the said Court and for the publike service of the said Towne may be kept in due forme & p'petuity

HD Hugh Doak Sovraigne
W Crymble
Thomas Hannington
Willm Leithes
1647
Richard Gately
George Martin

29 die Januar 1647

At the Courte then houlden wee the Sovraigne & Burgesses by the experience and good oppinion wee have had & doo beare unto Richard Wall have ellected & chosen him to bee our Towne Clerke during his honest carriage & upright behavio^r in the said place and that he shall have a patent for the same und^r our hands and the Comon Seale of this Towne

HD Hugh Doak
Sovraigne
Thomas Hanington Rob^t Foster
George Martin

Belfast

M^d that the 15th daye of February Anno dni 1647 M^r Foster and M^r Leythes being called before the Sovraigne to testify their knowledge concerning an agreem^t made betwixt Widowe Anderson late wiewfe of John

Anderson deceased on the one p^{te} and Thomas Smyth of Belfast aforesaid Blackesmyth on the other p^{te}. That about June last they were chosen to bee Arbitrators by the saide Widdow Anderson and the saide Thomas Smyth for the ending and determining of a certain difference then depending betwixt them upon the same the said M^r Foster and M^r Leythes did draw both the saide pyes to this Agreem^t as followeth viz^t. First the said Thomas Smyth should have hould possess and enjoye one shoppe or Smythie w^{ch} was late Willm Patridge her former husband deceased whereof half was given unto him in marriage w^{ch} her daughter and alsoe all the worke Tooles w^{ch} the saide Willm Patridge had at the tyme of his death halfe of w^{ch} said Tooles was likewise given unto him by his said marriag and alsoe all the houses and buildings w^{ch} standeth betwixt the saide Smythie and the dwelling house of the saide Willm Patridge and a parte of a garden w^{ch} once John Sanderson had in possession during the naturall lieffe of her the saide Widdow Anderson and for w^{ch} saide p^{ty}misses the saide Thomas Smyth should well and truly paye or cause to bee paid unto the said Widdow Anderson duning her lieffe yearlye and from yeare to yeare the some of fourtye shillings ster^t at two times in the yeare viz^t at May daye and the first of Novemb^r by even and equall porcons and that his tyme should begin att May then past and his first rent daye to bee the first of Novemb^r w^{ch} is now past and that hee should have the remaind^t of an apprenticeship of one boy called Francis Barden w^{ch} was an apprentis w^{ch} the said Willm Patridge besides all w^{ch} the saide Thomas Smyth was to have the half of a Cowhouse w^{ch} the said widdow Andⁿson during her lieffe.

Rob Foster

Willm Leythes

15th of Februar 1647

Belfast

John Harden Smyth being sworne and examined at what tyme hee delivred possession of the shoppe w^{ch} hee had from Widdow Anderson late wiefie of Willm Patridge saith that hee delivered possession of the saide shopp unto Thomas Smyth the second of May last.

Vicesimo die Marcii Anno dni 1647

Belfast

M^r That the daye and yeare aforesaide James Lynsay of Belfast aforesaide hath acknowledged and confessed himself well contented satisfysed and paid of and by the hands of John Whyte of Antrim m^{re} as well for one debte of fiftye pounds ster^t w^{ch} was heretofore due unto the saide James Lynsay by bill as above for all other debts rekenings and accompts whatsoev^r w^{ch} hath been betwixt us for anie cause matter or thinge whatsoev^r since the begininge of the world untill the daye of the date hereof and thereof and everye p^{ty} and prcll thereof doe for mee the saide James Lynsay my heres Executo^r and admⁿ and for evrye of us clearly acquite exonate and discharge him the saide John Whyte his Executo^r and admⁿ for ever by these pr^{nt}s In witness whereof I the said James Lynsay have caused this my discharge and acquittance on the p^{ty} & behalf of the said John Whyte to be registered in the book of record w^{ch} in this Towne and hereunto have subscribed my name the daye and yeare first above written

James Lindsay

Intrat' et inroll' in die
& Anno super
ad instance p^{re} Johis Whyte
p^{re} Jac Linsay

sub manu
per me Richardū Wall
Clericum curiæ Burgi sive
ville p^{re}

Burgus de
Belfast in Com
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Att an Assembly by the Sovraigne and Burgesses the eight daye of Novemb^r Anno dni 1647 uppon the takinge an Accompte of the money w^e hath bene given by certaine charitable and well disposed people now deceased to the future releiffe of the poore distressed Inhabitants of the Borrough of Belfast vitz by Mr Edward Holmes deceased sometymes Sovraigne of this said Towne the some of fourtye pounds sterl the interest whereof was to bee distributed yearlye to the said poore Now itt appeares upon takinge of this said accompt that [this] *there* was [ten] *seaven* pounds put into the hands of one Mr John Washer nowe deceased whose Estate win this Towne since the tyme of the begining of the Rebellion is laid wast nor posteritye of him left here wherebye the said [ten] *seaven* pounds w^e the interest thereof is left desparat yet yf there bee *anie* meanes left wherebye the said [ten] *seaven* pounds or anie interest now dew may bee obtained; It shalbee p'sently thought *uppon* & put in execucon, And whereas there is other ten pounds thereof put into the hands of Gowen Boltye and Sibbye his wief late wief of the said Edward Holmes for the w^e Mr Richard Gateley is bound It is ordered that the said Gowen Boltbye shall paye in lieu of the interest w^e is in arreare for the tyme past fourtye shillings att or uppon the 24th of Decemb^r next and for the tyme to come shall give *new* bonnde but the same securitye and whereas there is other ten pounds of the said fourtye pounds in the hands of ffranc Ratcliff it is ordered likewise that the said ffranc Ratcliffe shall pay in lieu of the interest w^e is in arreare for the tyme past fourtye shillings sterl at or uppon the said 24th of Decemb^r and shall give new bonnde And whereas likewise there is other ten pounds of the said fourtye pounds in the hands of Mr Thomas Theaker one of the Burgesses of this Towne it is ordered that the said Thomas Theaker shall paye in lieu of the interest w^e is in arreare for the tyme past fourtye shillings at or uppon the 24th daye of Decemb^r next and shall give new bonnd for ye principall And yf anie of the said pyes vitz Gowen Boulthye, ffrancis Ratcliffe and Mr Thomas Theaker shall refuse to p'forme this order or to give securitye for the principall somes according to the Tenor hereof It is ordered that they shall paye the whole interest now in arreare for the tyme past and shall give security for the

principall somes not w^t standing, or otherwise they shall
bee proceeded against by due course of Law

George Martin

HD Hugh Doake
Sovraigne

Rob Foster
Thomas Hanington
Tho: Theaker
Richard Gatlie
Willm Leithes

1647

Belfast



HEREAS likewise att the said Assembly by the
Sovraigne and Burgesses the eight daye of Novemb^r
1647. Itt did appeare uppon Information by Mr
Rob^{te} Foster one of the Burgesses of the said Toune that hee
had disbursed to Mr Nearne for a house for to bee a Courte of
Guarde iiiii^{li} sterl out of his owne purse for sattisfacon whereof
unto himself hee was pleased to accept iii^{li} whereof he hath
received xxxixs and viiid sterl of the free Comon^{ty} made in
the tyme when he was Sovraigne and hee is to have from
Rob^{te} Clugston xxs sterl w^t is ordered by the Bench for the
said Rob^{te} Clugston to pay to the use of the Toune for his
ffreedom and soe the saide Mr Foster is cleared of all accompts
whatsoever w^t can or may bee exacted for the tyme of his
sovrainety.

Hugh Doake

HD

Sovraigne

Richard Gatlie

Rob Foster

George Martin

Willm Leithes

1647 Thomas Hanington

Belfast

Whereas likewise att the saide Assemblye Itt doth
manifestly appeare that Mr Thomas Hanington one of
y^e Burgesses of this Towne in the tyme of his Sovraignty
had disbursed of his owne purse for sevrall uses for the
Towne sevrall somes of money for w^t the Sovraigne &
Burgesses have made composicon w^t him and are agreed to
give him fiftye shillings sterl w^t is to bee paid unto him out
of some moneys w^t is due unto the saide Toune by such
p^{er}sons w^t heretofore have beene admitted ffree wⁱⁿ the said

Toune and soe the said Mr Hanington is absolutely clear for all accompts during the time of his Sovereignty

Hugh HD Doake
Sovraigne
Richard Gatlie, Tho Theaker.
Rob Foster



Belfast

Likewise Mr George Marten is to bee allowed [four payable] xxs sterl for meale w^c was taken from him to give to some poore people w^c was sent over for England in the begininge of this Rebellion

Hugh HD Doake
Sovraigne
Richard Gatlie
Willm Leithes
1647
George Martin
Rob Foster
Thomas Hanington
Tho Theaker

Belfast



LIKEWISE at the saide assemblye Mr Thomas Theaker, all his accompts for the tyme of his Sovereignty being a new p^rused over uppon w^c it doth appeare that he hath justly p^rfectd his accompts for all receipts & disbursm^{ts} whatsoev^r and that there was due unto him by his disbursm^{ts} for the Toune use more than his receipts iii^{li} xv^s x^d sterl for w^c hee hath beene allowed him out the assessm^{ts} ymposed uppon him at sevrall tymes since May last iii^{li} iii^s vi^d and the rest to bee allowed him out of his Sess untill it bee fully satisfyed and soe the saide Mr Thomas Theaker is cleared of all his accompts both for his disbursm^{ts} & receipts for the use of the Toune from the begininge untill this p^rsented daye

HD Hugh Doake
Tho Theaker
George Martin, Richard Gatlie, Rob Foster
Willm Leithes
1647
Thomas Hanington

Belfast

Likewise att the saide Assemplye Mr Willm Leythes one of the [Sovraign] Burgesses of this Towne although hee had formerly p'fected his accompts for all his disbursm^{ts} & receipts for the use of the Towne in the tyme of his Sovraignty yet nowe desiring that his saide accompts might bee cleared before this assemplye and soe recorded It doth appeare manifestly that hee hath made a nise and p'fect accompt and that hee hath disbursed of his owne accord for the good & welfare of the said Towne in work done in the Church yarde and about the Church and in some other services for the use of y^e Towne iii^{li} sterl w^{ts} hee *doth* gratisly clear the Towne of and therefore the saide Mr Leythes is cleared of all his accompts both for his disbursm^{ts} and receipts for the tyme of his Sovraignty

Willm Leithes	Hugh Doake	HD	Sovraigne
1647	Robt Foster		
Thomas Hanington	Richard Gatlie		
Tho Theaker	George Martin		

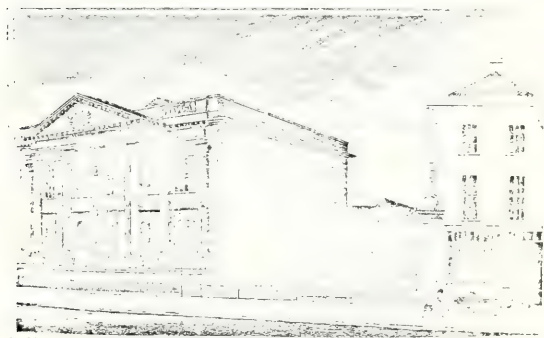


Belfast

Att the said Assemplye houlden by the Sovraigne & Burgesses the eight daye of Novemb^r 1647. It is ordered and thought fitting and convenient for the decency in the placinge of the Burgesses in the Church att the assemblinge of the Congregacon for the publique wor^{sh} of God eyther uppon the Lords daye or anie other daye appointed for publique wor^{sh} (that the twoe Seats w^{ch} heretofore was allotted and sett aparte for the Burgesses for their ease next adjacent to the Sovraignes seat) because that there is a greater concourse & assembly of the people nowe for the p^{re}snt by reason of the twoe Regim^{ts} remaining in this Towne one of the saide seats during these tymes may bee verye well reserved and kept for the saide Burgesses notwstanding the great Assembly Itt is therefore ordered that one of the saide seats shalbee constantly kept and p^{re}served for the said Burgesses from tyme to tyme and that noe person or persons



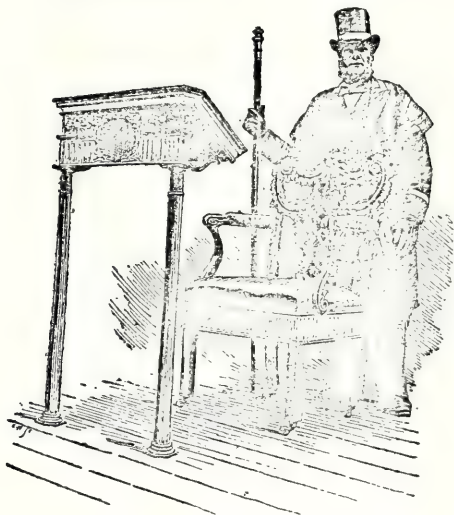
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CHAPEL OF EASE.

whatsoev^r eyther y^e fforraigner or ffree Comon^r shalbee admitted into the said Seat and that noe Free Comon^r or Inhabitant of this Toune or parish shall intrude himselfe into the said seat from hencforth w^{ch} yf anie doe contraye to this order they shall pay xii^d a piece for evrye offence they shall give herein and that Mr Sovraigne [shall] for the tyme [levyed] beinge shall see the same levyed w^{ch}out unnecessary delay w^{ch} xii^d shall goe towards the reparing of the Church, And after that it may please God to give a more peacable tyme amongst us and that the parish may bee eased of the multitude of offic^{rs} and Souldiers w^{ch} remaines amongst us, That then the saide twoe seats shall be solely to & for the ease & seats of the said Burgesses and noe other.

Willm Leithes	HD Hugh Doake Sovraigne
1647	Rob Foster Thomas Hanington
George Martin	Tho Theaker Richard Gatlie



Decimo nono die Marci—

Noverint omnes per presentes nos Jacobum Nisbitt de Ladytowne infra Regnum Scotie generosum Johan Paule et Jacob^r Rogers de Glascho infra Regnum p^{ct} Mercatores teneri et firmiter obligari Jacobo Maxwell de Carrickfargus infra Regnum Hibernie Mercator in ducentis libris legalis monete de et in Anglia solvendis eidem Jacobo Maxwell aut suo certo attorn Executor vel assignat suis ad quam quidem solucionem bene et fideliter faciendam obligamus nos et quemlibet nostrum per se pro toto et in solid^o heredes Executors et administratores nostros firmiter per presentes sigillis n^{ris} sigillat dat vicesimo nono die Novembris anno dni 1647.

The condicon of this obligation is such that if the above bound James Nisbitt John Paule and James Rogers or any of them or the Executors administrato^r or assigns of them or any of them doe well and truly pay or cause to be payed unto the above named James Maxwell his Executo^r administrato^r or assigns The some of one hundred pounds current and lawfull money of and in England At one entyre payment uppon the first daye of May next ensuing the date above written w^out further delay Att or wthin the now dwelling house of the said James Maxwell in Carrickfargus above written That then this obligacon to bee void and of none effect or else to stand in full strength & vertue

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Val: Savage
Ja: hamilton
Tho: Houghton
Edward Morton

Ja Nisbitt
Johnne Paull
James J R Rogers
his deed:

Belfast

M^d That the eighteenth daye of Decemb^r Anno dni 1647, at the convening of the Sovraigne and Burgesses Willm Thomson of Belfast aforesaid Mr^{rs} made his composicon for his monethly assem^t dureinge the tyme that these Burthens lyeth uppon the Inhabitants of the said Towne for the Officers mantennce, provant for the Souldiers for Genrall Major^s Troope for fier and candle to the Guards and for repairing the Rampier That hee the said Willm Thomson shall well and truely paye or cause to bee paid from moneth to moneth duringe the said tyme the some of twentye and five shillings sterl: everye moneth, and so payinge the same the said Willm Thomson shall shall bee clearly acquitted from all other Sesses levyes taxes and imposicons whatsoever w^{ch} shall or might bee imposed laide or assessed uppon the saide Willm Thomson for anie cause whatsoever excepting quarters for Souldiers As witness their hands hereunto subscribed the daye and yeare first above written

Willm W T Thomson
W L Willm Leithes
1647

Hugh HD Doake
Sovraigne
Rob Foster
Thomas Hanington

The Town Book of Belfast.

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The sixt of Apprill Anno dni 1648 this order above written is repeald and revoked by consent of the whole Bench

HD

Rob Foster
Thomas Hanington
Willm Leithes
1648

Belfast



HEREAS att an Assembly houlden the eight day of Novemb^r 1647, it was ordered that those persons w^o had the money w^o was given by Mr Holmes to the use of the [Towne] poore being in arreare for the use of the said money should in lieu of all arrears past pay onely the some of fourtye shillings a peece nowe at Chrmas according to w^o order ffranc Ratcliffe doth now come heare and payes for his par^t twentye *shillings* and by reason of the scarsity of these tymes daye is given him untill May daye next for the paym^t of the remand^t. L^d Theaker is come likewise and hath paid likewise twentye shillings and hath like tyme given him for the paym^t of the remand^t of the fourtye shillings Mrs Boltbye hath paide likewise twenty shillings of her p^o and by reason of her necessitye is remitted and acquitted for the rest Richard Gateley being suertye for the said Mrs Boltbye is cleared by this order for all arreares past untill this p^osent this 23rd of Decemb^r 1647

HD
Rob Foster
Thomas Hanington
Willm Leithes
1647
George Martin



Belfast

Att the Court houlden the 30th of Decemb^r 1647 uppon the advisem^t by the said Court for the Searchinge and Sealing of Leather here wⁱⁿ this Towne It is ordered by the saide Court that by reason of this winter season Leather cannot

conveniently bee dried in it right season as it ought to bee according to the Statute. Therefore it shall and may bee lawfull to and for the Searchers and Sealers of Leather that yf they bee required to seale anie Leather during this winter season untill the first of March, yf anie such Leather bee sufficiently tanned though not thoroughly dried they shall seale the same otherwise not, and after the said first daye of March noe Tanner shall not offer to put to sale anie Leather whatsoevr except the same bee sufficiently Tanned and thoroughly dried and searched and sealed according to the Statute in paine of such forfeiture as is lyMITTED in and by the said Statute

Hugh HD Doake
Sovraigne
Willm Leithes
1647

Rob Foster
Thomas Hanington



Belfast

The 11th of Januar 1648

At the Courte of Assembly houlden the daye and yeare aforesaid It is agreed uppon by the genrall consent of the Sovraigne and Burgesses then p'sent that there shalbee a constant yearly stipend of x^{li} sterl allowed by the saide Toune for the myntenence of a schole master for the educacon & bringinge upp of youth wthin this Toune and meanes made for a convenient howse or chamb^r for the said schole master to inhabit in and also a convenient schole howse to teach in and that for the raiseing of the saide yearly stipend of x^{li} and the meanes for the dwelling howse & schole howse dureing these troublesome tymes, That there be from Quarter to Quarter a Sesse ymposed uppon each Inhabitant wthin this Toune accordinge as their abilityes shalbee justly found by the Sessioⁿ and that the Sovraigne of the Toune for the tyme beinge shall from Quarter to Quarter cause such a Sessm^t to bee made and duely levyed accordingly

Rob Foster

Sovraigne

Willm Leithes

1648

Richard Gateley

Hugh HD Doake

George Martin

Fra: Meeke

Constable of the Castell

Thomas Hanington

Tho Theaker

Be it knowne unto all men by these p'sents that I Thomas Smyth of Dublin m'cht doo owe and am indebted unto Joseph Harries of Carrickfergus the full and just some of fourtye and twoe shillings sterl to bee paid to the said Joseph Harries his Executo^r admⁿ or assignes uppon the last daye of this instant September to the p'formance whereof I binde me my Executo^r admⁿ and assignes firmly by these p'sents As witness my hand the second day of September, 1648.

Witness hereunto

Hugh Lyndon

Edmond Yeo

per mee Thomas Smyth.

Inrotulatur et Examinatur concordat

cum originali per me Ricum Wall

clericum curiæ Burgi sive Ville

de Belfast 30 die Januarij 1648

More I doe acknowledge to have rec^d at the hands of Joseph Harris m'chant the number of fiftye Barrells and a halfe of barque of w^h. I doe promise to give him a true account of the proceed att Carrickfergus upon demand As witness my hand the 2^d Septemb^r 1648.

per me Tho: Smyth

Witness hereunto

Hugh Lyndon

Edmond Yeo

Inrotulatur et examinatur concordat

cum originali per me Ricum Wall

clericum curiæ &c 30 die Jan.

1648

Bee itt knowne unto all men by these p'sence that I Thomas Smyth of Dublin mchant doe stand and am justly indepted unto Joseph Harris of the County of the Towne of Carrickfergus m'chant in the Some of eleven pounds and ten shillings currant and lawfull money of and in England to bee paid to the said Joseph Harris his Executo^r admⁿ and assignes upon the thirtieth daye of September next ensueinge the date hereof at his now dwellinge house in the Towne aforesaid to w^{ch} paym^t truely to bee made I binde me my Executo^r admⁿ and assignes firmly by these p'sents As witness my hand and Seale this 25th day of July 1648

per me Tho Smyth

Witness
Clem^t Bashford
Michael Savadge

Inrotul' et examinat' concordat cum
originali per me Ricum Wall
clericum curiæ & 30 die Januar.
1648

15^a die Septembr 1648

Belfast

Bee it knowne unto all men by these p'nts that I John Clugston of Belfast merchant doe owe and am indebted unto Captain Robert Lawson of Londonderrye m'chant the some of fourtye eight pounds eighte shillings and seven pence currant money of England to bee paid to the said Captane Rob^t Lawson his heres Executo^r administrato^r or assignes in or upon the tenth daye of Novemb^r next ensueinge the date hereof to the w^{ch} paym^t well and truely to bee made I doe bynde mee and my heires Execut^r and administrato^r firmly by these pnts. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the twentie sixt daye of Octob^r 1647 in the year of the raigne of our Sovraigne Lord Kinge Charles &c

Sealed and delivered in
the presence of
Ja. Coningham
John Burneside

John Clugston
HD Hugh Doak
Sovraigne
vera copia concordat cum originali
et Examinatur per me Ricardum
Wall Clericum curiæ ibidem



Thomas the
Belfast in Com
Antrim

M^d That the thirtieth daye of Novemb^r in the foure and twentieth
yeare of the raigne of our Sovraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of
England Scotland France and Ireland Kinge defender of the faith &c
Anno dni 1648 Robert Foster of Belfast aforesaid gentl. nowe Sovraigne
of the said Towne, Thomas Rigbye sonne of Richard Rigbye late of
Clough Castle wⁱⁿ the parish of Belfast aforesaid husbandman deceased
came before the said Sovraigne and of his own Accord and free will and by
and w^{it} the consent assent and good likeinge of all his freinds and kinsfolke
then being and liveinge wⁱⁿ the said Towne of Belfast put himself an Appren-
tice and covenant servant unto John Rigbye of Belfast aforesaid Tanner his
brother for the full Terme tyme and space of seaven whole yeares fully to bee
compleat & ended three yeares of w^{ch} saide Terme the saide John Rigbye
acknowledgeth were ended at and uppon the first daye of Novemb^r last past
before the date hereof and were well and faithfully served and employed in the
Service of the saide John Rigbye his said Master and by him acknowledged
and taken to bee part of the saide Thomas Rigbye his apprenticeshippe And
the said Thomas Rigbye doth covenant promise and grannt to and with the
said John Rigbye his Executo^r administrato^r and Assignes and to and w^{it}
evrye of them by these presents That hee the said Thomas Rigbye shall and
will dwell w^{it} and well and faithfully serve the said John Rigbye his said
Master duriinge the remaind^r of the said term of seaven yeares the tyme
of his saide apprenticeshipp as his apprentice and covenant servant after
the forme and maner of an apprentice according to the Statute in that case
made and provided as well in the arte crafte trade science mistery and
occupacon of a Tanner as alsoe in all other the facultyes labors workes
necessarye occasions and businesses of the said John Rigbye w^{ch} are and shalbee
honest just and lawfull duriinge the said Terme And that the said Thomas
Rigbye shall not in aniewise waste destroye put away or otherwise unlawfully
ymbesill anie the goods, wares, merchandize or other commodities of him the
said John Rigbye his said master or knowe or cause the same or anie of them
to bee wasted destroyed or put away or unlawfully ymbesilled duriinge the said
Term but shall to the uttermost of his power staye lett and hinder the same or
else ymediatly give notice and warning thereof unto the said John Rigbye his
said master And further alsoe that hee the said Thomas Rigbye duriinge the
said Terme shall not haunte use frequent or otherwise practtise anie unlawful
games comon alehouses Tavernes bawdye houses or anie evil lewd or dishonest
companie to the loss prejudice or hinderance of his saide master nor by any
meanes or by or uppon anie occasion of his owne absent or w^{ch} drawe himself
out of or from the worke labor service or businesses of his said Master by day or
by night w^{it}hout the licence libtye or priviledge of his said Master And alsoe
that hee the said Thomas Rigbye shall not duriinge the said Terme buye sell
or exchange anie goods wares merchandize or comodities to the use benefit
or profit of himself or of anie other p^{er}son or p^{er}sons whatsoev^r save onely to the
use benefit or profit of his said Master duriinge the said Terme w^{it}hout the
specciall lycense of his said Master The Secretes and Counsell of his saide
Master lawfull juste and honest duriinge the saide Terme hee shall well and
faithfully keepe secrete and conceale Matrimonie hee shall not contract or
comitt fornicacion to or w^{it} anie woman duriinge the said term And lastly hee
the said Thomas Rigbye shall and will from tyme to tyme and at all tymes
hereafter duriinge the said Terme order behave rule govern and behave himself
towards the said John Rigbye his said Master in all things as an obedient just
true and faithfull Apprentice and covenant servant ought to doe and behave
himself In consideracon of w^{ch} said dutye, obedience good and civill behaviour
and faithfull service in manner and forme as aforesaid to bee done and faithfully

p'formed unto the said John Rigbye his said Master The said John Rigbye for himself his Executo^r and administrat^r and for evrye one of them doth covenant promise and grant to and w^t him the said Thomas Rigbye his Executo^r Administrato^r and Assignes and to and w^t evrye of them by these p'sents that hee the said John Rigbye shall and will at all and evrye tyme and tymes hereafter and from tyme to tyme dureing the said Terme instructe teach and informe or cause to be instructed taught and informed him the said Thomas Rigbye his said Apprentice as well in the arte trade craft science mistery and occupacon of a Tanner as alsoe in all other artes trades crafts sciences misteries and occupacons w^t the said John Rigbye his said Master now useth exerciseth or practiseth or hereafter shall use exercise or practise dureing the said terme as well in the best sort maner and forme as the said John Rigbye his said Master can instructe teach and informe by his diligent instrucion & informacion and as the capacity and understandinge of the said Thomas Rigbye can or may attaine unto And alsoe And alsoe (*sic*) that hee the said John Rigbye his Executo^r adm^r or Assignes shall well and truly pay or cause to bee paid unto the said Thomas Rigbye his Apprentice and covenant servant the some of twentye six shillings sterl. yearlye dureing the said Terme and alsoe shall give and allowe his said Apprentice the Tannery of half a deacre of Leather evrye yeare dureing the said Terme towards the maintenance of him the said Thomas Rigbye w^t apparrell and other necessaryes And alsoe yf the said Thomas Rigby shall diligently obediently and faithfultye serve & staye w^t the said John Rigby his said Master dureing the said Terme That then the said John Rigby his Executo^r or admin^r shall well and truly paye or cause to bee paid unto the said Thomas Rigbye the some of five pounds sterl. in money or comodities at the end and expiration of his said Terme of Apprentishippe In witness whereof both the said John Rigbye and Thomas Rigbye came before the said Sovraigne and mutually acknowledged this said Agree^{mt} and desired the same to bee enrolled & registered upon Recorde and have hereunto subscribed their names the day and yeare first above written.

Burgus de
Belfast in Com
Antrim

M^d That the 23th of Decemb^r Anno dni 1648 francis Ratcliff haveinge in his hands & custody the some of ten pounds sterl. given to the Towne by M^r Edward Holmes for the use of the poore of the saide Towne and now beinge behinde for the yearlye interest thereof the some of fourtye shillings sterl. the w^t for the tyme p'sent hee is not able to pay yet to give satisfacion for the same and for the yearlye interest thereof for the tyme to come dureing these troublesome tymes The saide franc Ratcliffe for himself his Executo^r Adm^r and Assignes and for evrye of them [by these prstes] doth covenant promise and Grant to and w^t the Sovraigne and Burgesses of the Borough and Towne of Belfast aforesaid and their Successors That they the saide Sovraigne and Burgesses shall receive yearlye and from yeare to yeare from and by the hands of some Tenant or Inhabitant w^t in some cottage standing upon the land of the saide franc Ratcliff lyeing and being w^t in Belfast aforesaid betwixt the Miln port and the Miln untill the said franc Ratcliffe or his assignes shall finde other securitye for the fourtye Shillings nowe in arrear The said franc Ratcliff is to pay xx^s sterl in hand and xx^s sterl at May next ensuing and afterwards there is xx^s to bee paid at and upon the [24th of December] first of Novemb^r then next followinge And afterwards twenty Shillings yearlye to bee paid at May [Easter] and the [24th of December] first of Novemb^r by these persons Tenants and Inhabitants of the said land in manner and forme followinge vizt. Thomas Cook x^s in hand and afterwards x^s pr Anm at May [Easter] and the [24th of December] first of Novemb^r by even and equal portions Willm Dunshce 3^d 4^d in hands and afterwards vi^s viii^d yearlye at the dayes and tymes as aforesaid Willm Bryan 3^d 4^d in hand and afterwards vi^s viii^d yearlye

Rec from Tho
Cook by Mr
foster of the
10^t hee was to
pay in hands
5^s from W
Dunshce 3^d
4^d W^m Bryan
3^d 4^d Jo:
Martin 5^s 0^d
Rob foster

as aforesaid John Martin v^t in hands and afterwards x^t yearly as aforesaid And they the said Thomas Cooke Willm Dunshee Willm Bryan and John Marten their Executo^rs Adm^rs & assignes and for evrye of them doe covenant promise and undertake to and w^t the saide Sovereigne & Burgesses of the Burrough and Towne of Belfast aforesaid and their Success^rs well and truly to pay or cause to bee paid unto the said Sovereigne and Burgesses and their Successors the said sevrall somes aforesaid in maner and forme as aforesaid dureinge the tyme aforesaid untill the said ffraunc Ratcliff shall give other security In witness whereof they the said ffraunc Ratcliff Thomas Cooke Willm Dunshee Willm Bryan and John Martin the daye and yeare first above written have subscribed their names

ffraunc Ratcliffe

2nd die Octob^r 1649

M^d That the daye and yeare aforesaid Thomas Haward M^r John Bullinbrooke Chirgeon Henry Cook Master of the Fellowship John Bedwell and John Pickton did personallie come before mee George Marten M^r nowe Sovereigne of the Burrough and Towne of Belfast and did sevrally Testifye upon their Corporall oathes That John Blacke and Rob^t Black and most of the Inhabitants of Groomsporte (except Willm Stephenson) together w^t sevrall Inhabitants of Bangwell w^t some of the cuntrye there next adjacent w^t sevrall officers & souldiers viz^t Ca: Willm Young Ca: Ja. Stewart, Cornet Rob^t Purdye &c upon Thursdaye the 11th, of this instant w^t force and Armes surprise the Barque called (the Katherine of Belfast) and did surprise and take Major Westmorland and sevrall other officers and passengers of sevrall degrees, and Thomas Haward above named and Robbed and spoyled him of goods and Merchandize to the value of 110^{li} and 10^{li} sterl or thereabouts.

Tho Haward	John Bedwell
John Bullinbrooke	John Pickton
Henry H Cooke	

Burgess de
Belfast in Com
Antrim

Att the Courte of Assembly houlden the 9th daye of Januar Anno dni 1650 Whereas Willm Thomson late an Inhabitant w^{ch} in this Towne was arrested by vertue of an order from the honorable the Commission^rs for the Revenues in Ulster for arreares of Sesse for the tyme as hee hath absented himself out of this Towne according to the said order upon his petition unto the Sovereigne Burgesses and Cominaltye s^mittinge himself unto the order of the said Courte for the said arreares It is ordered by the saide Courte That the saide Willm Thomson shall p^sently pay unto the Sovereigne for the use of the Towne for discharge of the arreares of his Sesse w^{ch} was due unto the Towne as aforesaid the some of ten pounds sterl xl^{li} for Mr. Sovereigne his charge and the Marshalls Fees in the same and upon p^rformance hereof the said Willm Thomson shalbee clearly and fully discharged

Afterwards upon greate importunity and supplication by the above named Willm Thomson Itt is ordered that hee shall paye in hand five pounds sterl^l and other five pounds at and upon the first day of Aprill next ensuing for paym^t whereof Willm Thom of Belfast Mchant hath engaged himself unto the Sovereigne at the day lymitted and for the xl^{li} the said Willm Thomson shall bring a free discharge unto the Sovereigne from the provost Marshall

Will: Thom

M^d that the 24th daye
of Aprill 1651 the

Willm W T Thomson, marke

ten pounds in the Order

above mencioned is acknowledged
by the Sovereigne & Burgesses to

be fully satisfied and paid by the above named Willm Thomson & W^m Thom according to the said order.

And how the same hath beene wholly disbursed and ymployed for the Townes use and occasions by the Sovraigne & Mr Willm Leythes It hath beene made manifestly appeare in oppen Courte the said 24th daye of Aprill 1651, and therefore the said Mr. Sovraigne & Mr. Leythes are clearly discharg of that account

Thomas Hanington
Sovraigne



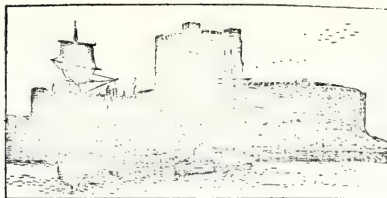
To the right honorble the Lord President wth the rest of the honor^{ble} the Comission^{rs} of the Revenues for the province of Ulster

The humble Petition of the Sovraigne Burgesses and Inhabitants of Belfast



UMBLY Shewing unto yo^r hono^r that by reason of yo^r Suppliants see greate and heavy burdens wee supplicated yo^r hono^r at Colrane when you mett there last, hopeinge for some ease or reliefe as wee still doe but as yet have had none w^{ch} inforceth us yo^r suppliants, to acquaint yo^r honor^t that wee reaped small benefit by the honor^{ble} Col Venables order, And that now of late there is fallen defects and noewayes able to make paym^t of their monethly Assess, the numb^r of eight or ten w^{ch} paide monethly the summ of five pounds the w^{ch} being summd unto our former defects make upp nere thirty pounds monethly All w^{ch} being added unto yo^r petitor^t Cesses inforceth this their Supplication.

May it therefore please yo^r hono^r in tender consideration of their deplorable condicon as to take away part of their saide monethly assesses or helpe yo^r suppliators by adding some other quarter to bee their assistants or by granting unto them some custodim lande and Tythes whereby they wth their wth their (*sic*) poore families may not bee totally ruined and they as bound shall pay &c



Carrickfergus March the 13th 1650

Mr Teag O'Hara is hereby ordered to pay unto the petitioners the twenty two pounds w^{ch} hee is to pay p Ann towards the easing of their contribution and yf the petition^{rs} can finde out anie other way to their advantage and not to the publique Revenues p^rjudice it shalbee granted them

Cha: Coote
R. Venables
Chidley Coote

An Order uppon
Teag O'Hara
for paying the
xxii ponds w^{ch}
hee was ordered
to pay to Belfast
forthe Tyethes of
his owne Crates

{ Whereas M^r Teag O'Harah desires to bee freed from paying or contributing anie thing w^{ch} the protected people in the Baroni of Loughinsolin but to reside in the County of Antrim and to be a distinct Crat by himself Wee are very well content therewth Provided he pay five pounds ten shillings quarterly or more yf it come to his xpation of what is contracted w^{ch} the said protected persons for w^{ch} some of 5^{li} 10^s he is to pay unto the Sovraigne of Belfast towards their helpe in the Sess & contribution of that Towne

Cha: Coote
R: Venables
Chydley Coote
Rob Baron

Received by the Sovraigne by vertue of the order aforemencioned from Teag O'Harah for the first quarter since the said order ended the 10th of May 1651 the some of 5^{li} 10^s and disbursed by him as followeth.

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In primis to M^r Willm Leythes for sevrall employm^{ts} and disbursm^{ts} of money w^{ch} hee had about the works of the Towne 3^{li}

1 16 0

Item paid to M^r Theaker for quarters for M^r Shamba for three monethes 12^s the monethe ended the tenth of June 1651 1^{li} 16^s

0 09 0

Item to Jacksons sonne for mending the Strand way over the water 9^s
Some total 5 5 0

Remaineinge in M^r Sovraigne's hands } 5 0
of the 5^{li} 10^s 0^d the some of



ARMS OF DUBLIN.



ARMS OF IRELAND.



ARMS OF KILKENNY.

Ireland

By the Commission^m of the Parliam^t of
the Comon wealth of England for the
Affairs of Ireland

It is ordered that the respective Tresurers of the Revenue in the respective p^recincts in Ireland doe not from and after due notice hereof yssue out anie money arising from the receipt of the customes or excise wthout warrants und^r the hands of three or more of the Commission^m of the Parliam^t of the Comon wealth of England. Kilkenny March 19th 1650

H: Ireton Edm: Ludlow Miles Corbett
Jo: Jones John: Weaver

Imprinted at Dublin Anno dⁿi 1650

It is ordered That the Comissioner^s of the Revenue in each p^recinct in Ireland doe take view and survey of all houses and lands in and about evrye City and Garrison Towne wthin evrye respective p^recinct and doe take especiall care that all materials belonging to the same bee p^reserved from waste: And doe let and set the saide houses and lands for one yeare to the best advantage for the Comon wealth, And where anie p^rson shall undertake to build a new, finishe or repaire anie howses or other buildings wthin anie of the saide Cities or Townes: The said Comission^m have hereby power and authority to make such contracts on the behalf of the Comon wealth wth such p^rson & p^rsons and therein to take due consideration of the charge that every such whoe shall contract wth them shalbee at in the building finishing or repairing the p^remises and to allow conditions suitable and proportionall thereto. Provided that the Commission^m of the Revenue shall not grant anie of the p^remises soe to be built finished or repaired for above the Terme of seven yeares wthout espiall warrant from the Commission^m of Parlim^t:

Kilkenny March 19 1650

Miles Corbett

Hr: Ireton, Edm: Ludlow, Jo: Jones John Weaver

Whereas great spoile and waste hath lately beene and is dayly made of Oak Ash Elm and other Trees in or neare the sevrall garrisons and Townes in Ireland and the Plankes, Rafters, Beames, doores, and other materials belonging to diverse vacant and ruined howses have been taken away burnt or wasted whereby much damage doth arise to the Comon wealth and a great want of wood and Timber is likely to ensue for p^rvention therefore of the like mischiefs hereafter and that all yong Timber trees and other wood fit for building, plow Timber or other uses of Husbandry may bee for the future better p^reserved and maintained. It is hereby ordered that noe Governor of Garrison

Souldier or other person or persons, whatsoever shall have after publication hereof in the respective Countyes and Garrisons fell cut down or otherwise destroy anie Timber tree oak ash elm or other tree (of what growth soevr) or quick sett hedges groweing or being uppon anie grounds belonging to the Comon wealth or uppon anie grounds belonging to anie person that hath been in armes or assisted or p^rmot^d the warr in Ireland against the Parliam^t of Comon wealth of England wthout s^piall lycenses from the Com^{rs} of the Revenues of the respective p^rincts first had and obtained in writing And the said Com^{rs} and Governo^{rs} respectively are hereby authorised to yssue out such lycenses in all such cases where they find the same to bee of publike profit & advantage and not otherwise And that noe Souldier or other p^rson doe take burne or otherwise wast anie Timber or other materials belonging to anie ruinous empty or other house And the saide Com^{rs} for the Revenue or Governors of the next Garrison in their respective p^rincts are hereby authorised and required to yssue out their warrants, or otherwise to app^rhend such persons as shall (after publication hereof) comitt anie waste or spoile uppon anie howse Timber or other woodd afore in contempt of this order and uppon prooffe made thereof comitt such p^rson or persons to prison untill full reparacion bee made for the same or such punishm^t bee inflicted on the offenders as the saide Com^{rs} or Governo^{rs} respectively shall judge agreeable to justice And to the end that this order bee put in due and speedy execution All Governors of Countyes Cities and Garrisons and other officers are hereby authorised and required to cause the same to bee published and to endeov^r to restrain the mischieffes aforesaide and severly to punish all Transgressors against the intent hereof And all and evry Governo^{rs} of Cities and other Garrison is hereby required to take speciaall care that the woods w^{ch} shalbee necessarily used for fuell in his respective Garrison bee cut at seasonable tymes and in husbandlike manner and noe more bee felled than shall bee necessary to be spent in the said Garrison and according to the Establishm^t shortly to be made

Kilkenny 22 March 1650

Hen Ireton Edm Ludlow Miles Corbet

Jo Jones John Weaver

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Memorand

That M^r Essex Digby preacher of the Word of God at Belfast in the County of Antrim came unto mee Richard Wall gent. Towne Clerk of the Borough of Belfast aforesaid this p^rsent day being the first of March 1651 and desired that hee might have enrolled uppon Record Letters of Administration w^{ch} were granted him of the goods and Cattells w^{ch} were the lady Lettice Langford late of Carrickfergus whoe dyed intestete by Alexand^r Colvill Doctor of Divinitye ut Sequitur in hec verba viz^t Alexander Colvill Sacrae Theologiae Docto^r Comissarius legitimè Constitutus dilecto in Christo Essex Digby, de Collshell in Comitatu Warwick in Insula Angliae Clerico fratri dominæ Laeticæ Langford de Carrickfergus

Alsoe the above named M^r Essex Digby desired the enrollm^t of an Assignm^t made by James Tracey and John Orpin Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Dame Anne Langford the widow and relict of S^r Hercules Langford late of Carrickfergus Kⁿ: deceased the Tenor of w^{ch} Assignm^t is as followeth:—

To all christiany people to whom these p^rsents shall come Know yee that wee James Tracey and John Orpin Executors of the last Will and Testament of Dame Anne Langford the widowe and relict of S^r Hercules Langford late of

Carrickfergus Kn^t deceased doe hereby for and in consideracon of the some of twoe hundred pounds bequeathed as a legacy by the said Will & Testament of Dame Anne Langford bearing date the fift daye of Aprill 1647 unto Dame Lettice Langford late wife unto S^r Roger Langford of Carrickfergus aforesaid Knight deceased freely assigne unto the saide Dame Lettice [digby] Langford one Bond or Bill wherein the honor^{ble} Captaine Arthur Chichester now Earle of donnagall stands bound unto the said Dame Anne Langford bearing date the 26th daye of Febr 1639 for the paym^t of fiftye pounds in and upon the last day of May following as alsoe one other bond of Two hundred pounds like money bearing date the fift day of July 1641 wherein Rob^t Foster and Rich: Foster of Belfast in the County of Antrim gent stand bound unto the said Dame Anne Langford for the paym^t of one hundred pounds at and upon the first day of Novemb^r Anno dni 1642 as alsoe one other bond of *thirti*[fifty] pounds sterl bearing date the 24th day of Januar 1637 wherein Mathew Johnston Humphrey Johnston and John Davyes of Carrickfergus Alderman stande bound unto the said Dame Anne Langford to sattisfy and paye unto her the full some of fifteene pounds at or upon the the first daye of Novemb^r following as alsoe one other Bond of thirtye pounds sterl wherein the said persons stand bound unto the aforesaid Dame Anne Langford to sattisfy and paye unto her the some of fifteene pounds like money w^{ch} Bond beareth date wth the former and payable at May 1638 as alsoe one other Bond of thirtye pounds sterl wherein the said Mathew Johnston Humphrey Johnston and John Davyes stand bound unto the saide [John] Dame Anne Langford w^{ch} the former and paym^t of fifteene pounds at or upon the first day of May Anno dni 1639 and lastly one bill bearing date the 23th of Januar 1637 wherein Humphrey and Mathew Johnston stand bound to sattisfy and pay unto the said Dame Anne Langford the full some of seven pounds and ten shillings like money att or upon the first day of August 1639. All w^{ch} some and somes of money contained mentoned and expressed in the aforesaid sevrall bonds amounts unto the (*sic*) of two hundred twoe pounds and ten shillings sterl &c In witness whereof wee have hereunto put our hands and Seales the tenth day of Aprill Anno dni 1650

Sealed signed and delivered
in the p^rsence of
Edmond Yeo
George Woodencroft
Rob^{ts} Russell

James Tracey
John Orpin

Alsoe the said M^r Essex desired the enrollm^t of three sevrall bonds und^r hands and seales w^{ch} could not bee done verbatim and in due form by reason of his sudden departure from henc for England yet the substance of the Bonds are as thus

Matthew Johnston Humphrey Johnston and John Davyes of Carrickfergus doe stand bound unto S^r Hercules Langford Knight in the Some of thirtye pounds sterl by their bond und^r their hands & seales bearing date the 24th day of Januar 1637 to pay or cause to bee paid unto the said S^r Hercules Langford his Executo^r Admⁿ or Assignes the Some of fifteene pounds sterl at and upon the first day of May 1638.

Sealed signed and delivered
in the presence of
Ri Shukburgh
Tho Whitaker

Mathew Johnston
Hum: Johnston
Jo Davies

Mathew Johnson Humphrey Johnson and John Davyes of Carrickfergus doe stand bound unto S^r Hercules Langford Knight in the Some of thirtye pounds sterl by their bond und^r their hands and Seales bearing date the 24th daye of Januar 1637. to pay or cause to bee paid unto unto the said S^r Hercules Langford his Executⁿ admⁿ or assigns [at and uppon] the some of fiftene pounds at and uppon the first day of No: 1638.

Sealed signed and deliv^d

in the prsce of
Ri: Shukburgh
Tho: Whitaker

Mathew Johnson

Hum: Johnson

Jo: Davyes

Matthew Johnson Humphrey Johnson and John Davyes doe stande bond unto S^r Hercules Langford Knight in the some of thirtye pounds sterl by their bond und^r their hands and seales bearing date the 24th of Januar 1637 to pay or cause to bee paid unto the said S^r Hercules Langford his Executⁿ admⁿ and Assignes the some of fiftene pounds at and uppon the first daye of May 1639

Sealed signed and delivered

in the p'sence of
Ri. Shukburgh
Tho Whitaker

Matthew Johnson

Hum Johnson

Jo Davyes

These three sevrall bonds were produced and shewed by the aforementioned M^r Essex Digby unto mee in due forme und^r hand and seale by Mathew Johnson Humphrey Johnson and John Davyes aforementioned dated as aforesaid and attested by the said witnesses Richard Shukburgh Tho Whitaker the material substance thereof inrolled as aforesaid

By mee Richard Wall

Towne Clerke

M^d That the 26th of Decemb^r 1650 at the Courte houlden and by the meetinge of the Sovraigne & Burgesses then and there p^rsented uppon consideracon of the poore estate of Sibbye Boltbye it could not in conscience bee otherwise adjudged but that the arreares of the [x^{li}] use for the x^{li} w^{ch} was left in her hands for the use of the poore by Mr Holmes her form^r husband shée beinge in great necessitye and not now able to paye the same shalbee clearly remitted & acquitted untill this p^rsented

Richard Wall
Towne Clerke

Thomas Hanington

Sovraigne

Rob Foster

M^d that the 26th of Decemb^r 1650 L^d Theaker came into Courte and paid xx^s of the arreares w^{ch} hee is behynde of the use and interest for the x^{li} w^{ch} was put in his hands of the money given by Mr Holmes for y^e use of y, poore

Thomas Hanington

Sovraigne

Rob: Foster

16 Mar. 1651

Sciunt presentes et futuri nos Richardum Hunte de Henerichellym in comitatu Surrie yoman et Johannem Hunte filium et heredem proximum mei dicti Richardi Hunte dedisse concessisse et hac presenti charta nostra confirmasse Johanni Helhows de Walton super Thames in comitatu Surrie predicto yoman pro quadam pecuniarum summa nobis per dictum Johannem Helhows ad sigillationem presentium plene solutam et contentatam totam illam parcelam sive peciam terre nostram vocatam Buryguston jacentem et existentem in Walton predicto que quidem parcella siue pecia terre per estimacionem continet sex acras terre sive majus aut minus et abuttat super quandam clausuram cujusdam Richardi Bernardi ex parte australi et super communiam de Walton predicto ex parte orientali habendum tenendum gaudendum predictam parcelam siue peciam terre cum suis pertinentiis prefato Johanni Helhows heredibus et assignatis suis in perpetuum tenendum de Capitalibus Dominis feodum illius per servitia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et nos vero prefati Richardus et Johannes Hunt predictam parcelam terre cum suis pertinentiis prenominato Johanni Helhows heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warrantisabimus imperpetuum defendemus per presentes Noueritis insuper nos prefatum Richardum et Johannem Hunt fecisse ordinasse constituisse et in loco nostro posuisse dilectum nobis in Christo Thomam Mowld yoman nostrum verum et fidelem ac legitimum attornatum ad intrandum pro nobis vice et nominibus nostris in predictam parcelam sive peciam terre cum pertinentiis ac legalem et pacificam possessionem et seisinam sic seisinam inde capiendum post hujusmodi possessionem et seisinam sic inde captam et habitam. Deinde pro nobis vice et nominibus nostris ad deliberandum plenam legalem et pacificam possessionem et seisinam de et in premissis cum pertinentiis prefato Johanni Helhows heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum secundum tenorem vim formam et effectum hujus presentis charte nostre ratum gratum presens et habituri totum et quicquid dictus noster Attornatus fecerit aut fieri procurabit in premissis. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti charte nostre sigillum nostrum apposuimus Datum vicesimo sexto die martii annis regnorum Philippi et Marie dei gratia Regis et Regine Anglie Hispanie Francie Utriusque Cicie—et Hibernie Fidei defensoris Archiducis Austrie ducis Burgundie Mediolani Brabantie Comitissae Haspurgi Flandrie et Tirrollis tertio et quarto inde quod predictus Johannes Helhows heredes et assignati sui imperpetuum solvent seu solui faciant prenominato Richardo et Johanni Hunt heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum annuatim ad festum Michaelis Archangeli sex denarios legitime petitem.

Status et seisaia ac legalis et pacifica possessio capte et deliberate fuere die et Anno ut infra secundum tenorem vim formam et effectum hujus presentis charte in presentia

Richardi Woodclerk Tristram Woodclerk Thome Woodclerk Thome Dalley Thome Greenetree Richardi Clerici Johannis Clerici et aliorum fide dignorum

The Deed it self whereof this is a true Copie was at this p^t sent in the custodie of Captan John Ellis of Ballygarmarton

Enrolled by mee Richard Wall Towne Clerke of Belfast the day and year first above written

M^d That whereas Willm Postley Carpenter late of Belfast deceased by and wth the consent of Katherine his wiffe in his lieffe *time* did give unto John francis in marriage wth Mary Dunge widow their daughter all his tenem^t and dwelling howse in Belfast aforesaide whereof he had possession Nowe the said francis and Mary his wiffe have sould y^e said dwelling howse [and tenc^{ts}] to the use of the State for the some of twelve pounds sterl. whereof they have acknowledged to have receaved full satisfaction and paym^t. In witness whereof they have hereunto subscribed their names the 7th day of Aprill 1651.

John francis × marke
Mary francis
Katherine Postley × her marke



M^d

15.

That whereas Andrew Mabrey had a Cottage or dwelling howse standinge nere the place where the great Fort is erected pulled downe for enlarginge of a highwaye thereby and by apprisement of Mr Willm Leythe and Thomas Postley M^r the said Mabrey was adjudged to receive in full sattisfaction for his damage the some of fifteene shillings sterl the said Andrew Mabrey doth hereby acknowledge the receipt thereof As witness his hand the 12th of Aprill 1651

Andrew × Mabrey
his marke

M^d

12.

That I John Quiggin have receaved full sattisfaction for the damage of my howse w^{ch} was pulled downe nere the Grand fort accordinge to the appraisem^t of M^r Leythes and Thomas Postley M^r beinge the some of xii^s sterl as witness my hand the 12th of Aprill 1651.

×
John Quiggins marke

M^d

8th
in all 21th 7.

That wee Thomas Grome als Slye and James Smyth have receaved full sattisfaction for our dwellinge howse w^{ch} was standinge here at Belfast and pulled downe for the erectinge of the Grand fort accordinge as it appraised and valedwed by M^r Foster and others beinge the some of eight pounds sterl as witness our hands this 18th of Aprill 1651.

Tho: × Grome als Slye
Jane I Smyth wiffe of Ja:
Smyth her mrke insteadd
of her husband being now sick

Mr Jo
Stewarts order
uppon his
petition

Att the Courte of Assembly houlden the 26th of June 1651 It is ordered uppon Mr Steawarts petition unto the Sovraigne Burgesses and Cominaltye of this Borrough and Toune of Belfast uppon serious consideracon of his weake estate that. hee shall onely paye what Sesse hee is behind and in arreare and for the tyme to come hee is to pay foure shillings the moneth untill the first of May next and to bee freed from all other and contributions whatsoev^r for anie estate hee hath in this Towne These Burgesses hereund^r named subscribed the said order

Tho Hanington Sovraigne

Hugh Doake Geo Martin John Leythes Junr Fr
Meeke Robt Foster Tho Theaker Willm Leythes
Richard Gateley



ARMS OF CARRICKFERGUS.



ARMS OF IRELAND.



ARMS OF CLONSIEL.

Ireland By the Com^{rs} of the Comon Wealth of England for the affaires of Ireland &c

It is ordered that the Com^{rs} of applot^{mt} in each respective Barronie in Ireland bee authorised & required to apprehend or cause to bee apprehended examined and ymprisoned sturdie Beggars Rogues and Vagabonds Idle persons out of service and to erect & keep stocks in oppen convenient places for such offend^{rs} and to send such as they shall see cause together wth their Examinaccons taken to the Comand^r of the next Garrison that soe they may bee sent to the cheif Garrison in each respective Countye and there proceeded against accordinge to their severall demerrits And it is further ordered that the said Com^{rs} of Applot^{mt} be impowred wth in their severall princts as aforesaid to ascertaine Servant wages to ord^r and moderate the hyer of laborerers accordinge to lawe, and to p^rvent the abuses and excessive rates of in Tawing Tanning and brogues likewise. Likewise to cause watch and ward to bee duely kept & pursued by Hu and Crye accordinge to lawe: and to appoint in each parrish some fitt persons to see the said watch duely kept and observed And the Governors of Garrisons as aforesaid and others that have power for the administration of Justice are to cause such offend^{rs} sent as aforesaid to bee punished accordinge to lawe
Clon Mell 15 May 1651.

It is ordered the Com^{rs} of Applotm^t in their sevrall p^tcints doo put in execution ail the acts & ordinances of Parliam^t against drunkenness profane swearing and cursing and profanacion of the lords day by travellinge or by sports pastimes and unlawful games or frequenting Alehouses and to bringe the offend^{rs} to due punishm^t as by the said acts lawes and ordinances is required Dated at Carrickfergus 3 Dec^r 1651. Signed by

R Venables Geo Rawden G Blundell
Jas Waite Tobias Norrice



The Oath of the Sovereigne of
Belfast as it was ministred the
30th of Septemb^r 1650 and the 29th
of Septemb^r 1651.

You shall sweare that you shall well and truly serve in the office of Sovereigne of this Corporacion and Towne of Belfast from this tyme forward until the feast of S^t Michael the Archangell now next ensueinge that is to saye for one whole yeare yf you soe long live and continue in the said Office

Commonwealth

You shall acknowledge the power and authoriety of the Parliam^t of England and Governem^t by States to bee just honorable and lawfull and shall to the uttermost of yo^r power maintaine and uphold all the rightes libties Interests and priviledges of the same You shall in all things execute the office of a Justice of Peace wthin this Corporacon and the libties thereof dureinge the tyme of yo^r sovrainetye You shall alsoe to the uttermost of yo^r power see the peace of the Comon wealth of England and Ireland well and faithfully p^rserved and kept. both in yo^r owne person and in all other person & persons whatsoev^r wthin yo^r jurisdiction and libties. You shall see equall justice done as well to the poore as to the Rich dureinge the tyme of yo^r office accordinge to yo^r power skill and understandinge

You shall keep yo^r Courts in due order accordinge to the Franchises libties and priviledges of this Towne and Corporacion and as they have beene formerly kept and therein shall doe equall and indifferent justice to all persons whatsoev^r to the best of yo^r knowledge skill and understandinge

You shall likewise keep the Clerk of the Markett Courts wthin your liberte and Jurisdiction and therein see that there bee just weights and measures observed and kept by all persons and that you see unto the correccion of victuals wthin the Towne and the libties thereof that is to saye of bread beare Ale wine fish and flesh

You shall see unto the searchinge and Sealinge of leather wthin this Towne accordinge to the Statute And alsoe shall truly and carefully see unto the severall crafts trades & occupacions w^{ch} are wthin yo^r liberte and Jurisdiction and shall justly and duely correct and reforme the same accordinge to the Statute

You shall fairly and gently entreat the people of this Towne und^r yo^r power and authority wth equall right and justice to yo^r best endevo^r power skill and und^rstandinge and to the uttermost of yo^r power and endevo^r maintaine and uphold all the rights libtyes privilegeides Jurisdiccions lawes and ordinances of this Corporacon w^{ch} are granted unto the same by lawfull authoritye for the peaceable quiett & civill governem^t of the same
All these points and articles you shall diligently carefully and truly observe & keep to the uttermost of yo^r power skill knowledge and und^rstandinge Soe helpe you god in Christ Jesus

By the Commission^{rs} for Administration
of Justice and for probatts of last
Wills and Testam^{ts} at Dublin

Whereas administration of all & singular the goods and chattells debts and creditts of Archibald Moore late of Lisnegarvey merchant deceased is by the said Commission^{rs} comitted and granted unto Jane Moore widow y^e Relict of the said Archibald These are therefore to require and authorise yo^r John Stuart of Belfast merchant Willm Tom and Geo: McCarney of the same merchants or anie twoe of you to vawle and appraise uppon yo^r corporall oaths all such goods and chattells debts and creditts as were of the said Archibald Moores as shall come unto yo^r hands sight or knowledge and to retorne a true & perfect Inventory thereof unto the said Com^{rs} und^r the hands of you or anie twoe or more of you containinge the severall p^ticulars and true vawles thereof together wth this Comission close sealed upp wth all convenient speed and at the furthest by the last daye of Maye next ensueinge [this] together with this Comission dated at Dublin the xvith daye of this instant March 1652

This is a true copie
of the originall by mee
examined

Richard Wall

Gerrard Lowther, Edw: Bolton

Ja: Donelan

Tho Dongan

Willm Sandes R^t:



d That the 14th of [December] July 1652 it did
appeare before Mr Reynalds Mr George Marten
& Mr Wareinge being assembled together that L^d
Theaker did pay unto Mr Sovraigne at Chrmas
last the some of xx^s w^{ch} is for interest of x^{li} put into his
hands of the money given by Mr Holmes deceased for the
use of the poore w^{ch} xx^s was paid by Mr Sovraigne unto
Jane Whitlock for takeinge of a poor wench prentice and
Jane Whitlock acknowledged the receipt thereof at this p^{re}sent

Edw Reynell
George Martin
Thomas Waring

[M^d that whereas one Willm Erwin of Banshaw in the parish of Annandell in Scotland was authorised by one David Erwin of Mowisknow in Scotland aforesaid by his letters of Attorney under his hand & seale bearing date the 24th August 1652]

M^d That Whereas one John Armstrong of the Maine Water [was] in the County of Antrim was authorised by one David Erwin of Mowisknowe in the parish of Kirkpatrick in Scotland by his Letter of Attorney und^r his hand and Seale bearing date the 24th of August 1652 to aske demand and receive of Thomas Foster of Drommall neare unto the Maine Water in the Countye of Antrim aforesaid all such some & somes of money as hee the said Thomas Foster was in aniewise due unto the said David Erwin by anie bond bill or specialty or by letter of assignation made & subscribed by Chr Foster (sic) father of the said Thomas Foster or anie other debt whatsoever due upon anie bargain reckening or accompt and the saide John Armstrong one debte of ix^s vi^s viii^d sterl by one Bill dated the 28th of Decemb^r 1626 Now the said Thomas Foster this p^rsent day the first daye of Januar 1652 came before Tho Wareinge gen: Sovraigne of the Borrough and Towne of Belfast in the Countye of Antrim and produced one Edw^d Purdy of Ballydollahagan in the Countye of Downe husbandman of seaventy yeares of age of good and perfect memory who upon his oath before the said Sovraigne lawfully administered did testify and declare that hee was p^rsent by when as hee the said Edward Purdy did see the said Thomas Foster at his howse in Ballydollahagan aforesaid about twentye years since deliver unto the said David Erwin twoe baye maires in discharge and full satisfiacon for all debts reckonings and accompts whatsoever w^{ch} then the said David Erwin could in aniewise claim challeng or demand of the said Tho Foster eyther for himself or his said father And upon receipt of the said twoe bay maires the said David Erwin then promised eyther to send the said Thomas Foster a full discharg for all things whatsoever betwixt him the said David Erwin and the said Thomas Foster and his father then liveinge w^{ch} in eight weekes then next after or else he would burne the said Bill of ix^s vi^s viii^d

Edward × Purdy mrke

Thomas Waring
Sufraine

Alsoe at this Courte houlden the 16th of Septemb^r 1652 Sibbye Boltbye came and desired that the xx^s w^{ch} sh^ee was to pay at Chrmas last to the poore for the use of x^s left by Mr Holmes her former husband might bee allowed her beinge in great necessitie w^{ch} being considered by the said Court is allowed her

Richard Wall
Towne Clerk

Thomas Hanington
Sovraine
Jo: Leithes
Rich: Gaytleye

The xx^{tie} shillings w^{ch} is due by Mrs Boltby of the poores money for the year 1653 and the xx^{tie} shillings in arreare this year 1654 is allowed her for her relieffe being in great necessitie by consent of the Courte this 25th of Januar 1654

At the Courte houlden the 6th of July 1654 paid by L^t Thomas Theaker xxtie Shillings sterl for the use of the poore

beinge for interest of 10^{li} sterl given as a legacie by one Mr Holmes deceased for the use of the poore of the Towne

Likewise paid by ffancis Ratcliffe the 6th of July 1654 the sum of xx^{tie} shillings sterl for the use of the poore as aforesaid

Paid by M^r Willm Leythes for the use of ffancis Ratcliffe vi^t viii^d bein for his rent due at Hallontyde last wth is for the use of the poore this 25th of Januar 1654.

Paid by ffancis Ratcliffe y^e sum of twenty shillings st^r being for y^e poore left by M^r Holmes for y^e year ending y^e 25th of Dec^r 1661

Paid by John Allsinor y^e sum of six shill^l and eight pence by y^e Annuall rent of Fortye shill^l st^r ending [of] at y^e 25th of Dec^r 1661. left by Thomas Chepline att his death for y^e use of y^e poore of Belfast Parish

Paid by William Cordiner y^e sum of twenty shill^l st^r unto y^e Soffraigne [of the] for y^e use of y^e poore of Belfast being his rent ending at y^e 25th of December 1661

I Robert Jackson Church Warden doe acknowledge to have received from M^r John Rigby Sofferaigne y^e sune of two pound six shill^l and eight pence ster to bee paid to y^e poore of Belfast as witness my hand this 2^d January 1661

Robert Jackson

I Nicholas Gardiner *Church Warden* doe acknowledge to have rec^d from Sampson Theaker y^e some of twenty shill^l ster for y^e use of y^e poore for his rent ending y^e 25th of Dec^r 1661

Witness my hand

Nicholas Garnett

Paid by Sampson Theaker y^e sune of twenty shill^l st^r for y^e use of y^e poore for y^e year ending y^e 25th Dec^r 1662 by us Church wardens

Paid by ffancis Ratcliffe y^e sune of twenty shill^l st^r for y^e use of y^e poore for y^e year ending y^e 25th Dec^r 1662 by us Church wardens

Paid by W^m Cordiner y^e sune of twenty shill^l st^r for y^e use of y^e poore for y^e year ending y^e 25th of Dec^r 1662 by us Church wardens

Paid by Jo Ellison y^e sune of foure shill st^r for y^e use of y^e poore ending y^e 25th of Dec^r 1662 by us

Nicholas Garnett
Lawrance Whiteside

Whereas I John Shorte of Dublin M^rchant am justly indebted unto John Rigby of Belfast in the County of Antrim Tanner the full & just summe of twenty & foure pounds 18^s & 6^d sterl curr^t lawfull money of England and for paym^t thereof have assigned him to receive (uppon her bond deliver^d to him) of Mrs Prudence Povey of the said Belfast in the County afores^d y^e full summe of twenty & foure *pounds* eighteene shillings & six pence sterl^l like curr^t money

of England at or upon y^e last daye of May 1655 Now yf the saide Prudence Povey doe not paye or cause to bee paide unto y^e s^d John Rigby his Executo^r adm^r or assigns the saide summe of twenty and foure pounds eighteen shillings & six pence at y^e tyme aforesaid I doe hereby in default thereof promise & engage to pay or cause to bee paid the said summe of twenty & foure pounds eightene shillings and six pence unto the said John Rigby at or before the last day of June next ensueinge As witness my hand & Seale this [last] first of M^c.ch 1654

Signed & sealed per John Shorte

This former bill und^r the hand & seale of the said John Shorte in the said bill named was thus

Signed sealed & delivr^d (and these words (unto ye s^d John Rigby) in the 18th line interlined before the delivery in the presence of

Tho Wareinge
Nicholas Garnet
Hercules Hillman

This Bill enrolled the 25th of Aprill 1656 is accordinge to the originall Examined by mee

Richard Wall
Towne Clerk

£1,200
Bond for

Be it knowne unto all men by these p^rsents that wee S^t David Cuninghame of London Knight and Baronet William Moorehead of Farnham in the Countye of Surrey gent and S^t David Cuninghame of Robertland in the Countye of Ayre in Scotland Knight and Baronet doe owe and are bound unto the Right Honor^{ble} James Lord Viscount of Claneboy in Ireland and James Traill of the Countie of Downe in Ireland gent the some of Twelve hundred pounds of good and lawfull money of England to bee paid unto the said James Lord Viscount of Claneboy and James Traill or either of them their Executo^rs Administrato^rs or assigns unto wth paym^t well & truely to bee made wee bind and oblige us and everie one of us for himself for the whole joyntly and severally and evrie one of our heires executo^rs and administrato^rs firmly by by (sic) these p^rsents. [and] Sealed wth our Seales Dated the twoo and twentieth day of July 1652 in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fiftie and twoo

The Condition of the obligacion above written is such that whereas the above named James Lord Viscount Claneboy and James Traill together wth the bounden S^t David Cuninghame of London Knight and Baronet and William Moorehead wth one Ronnan Cuninghame of London gent by an obligacon und^r their hands & seales bearing date the third daye of June Anno dni 1644 in the twentieth year of the late Kinge Charles stand joyntly and severally bound to Edward Stretchley of the Citie of London gent in onethousand pounds of lawfull money of England wth condicton for true paym^t of the some of five hundred [pounds] and twentie pounds of like money on the fift daye of December next ensueinge the date of the same obligacon as by the same more largely appears In and by wth obligacon the said S^t David Cuninghame of London and the said S^t David Cuninghame of Robertland and the said William Moorehead stand bound as aforesaid for the prop^r debt and at the request of the saide James Viscount Claneboy And Whereas the said James Viscount Claneboy for the satisfaction of the said debt costs damage and indepnifyeing

the said S^r David Cuningham S^r David Cuningham and William Moorehead have deposited in the hands of the saide S^r David Cuningham S^r David Cuningham and Willm Moorehead the six hundred pounds for the use of the said Edward Stretchley Yf therefore the said S^r David Cuningham of London William Moorehead and S^r David Cuningham or either of them their or either of their heires executo^r administrato^r or assignes doe well and truly pay or cause to bee paid to the said Edward Stretchley his executo^r adm^r or assignes all the said sum of six hundred pounds of lawfull money of England wth all damage or interest wth either is or shall growe due uppon the same Att the dwellinge house of Henry Arnost situate in Bow lane London uppon or before the fift daye of [or before] December next ensuinge the date *hereof* And shall thereupon alsoe clerely discharge and make voyd the said obligacon and at all tyme and tymes hereafter free the saide James Viscount of Claneboy and James Trayll their heires Executo^r and administrato^r of the same and all hurte damage danger or expence they or anie of them shall or may sustaine thereby And yf the said S^r David Cuningham William Mooreheade and S^r David Cuningham shall on or before the said fifth daye of December next ensuinge deliver or cause to bee delivered the said before recited obligacion to the saide James Viscount Claneboye and James Traill or to Hugh Cuningham gent^l or whom they or anie of them shall appoint to receive cancell and make voyde the same And alsoe yf that untill the true paym^t of the said six hundred pounds and interest & damages & costs of suite as aforesaide to the said Edward Stretchley his Executo^r administrato^r or assignes in manner aforesaide and untill the deliverye upp of the saide bond as aforesaide the said S^r David Cunnigham of Robertland his Executo^r & adm^r shall forbear to aske demand or sue for anie debt or some of money that is or may bee due unto him by or from the said James Viscount of Claneboy his Executo^r or admo^r but shall suffer the same to remaine in his hands untill he bee discharged of and from the said debt due to the said Edward Stretchley & deliverye of the saide bond as aforesaid wthout fraude or covin. That then this p^rsent obligacion shalbee voyde & of none effect or else it shall stand & remaine in full force & vertue

Sealed & delivered in the
p^resence of to the use of
of the above named Lord
Claneboy & James Traill

Phineas Tooker
Phillipp Rawlens

D: Cuningham
Willm Moorehead
D: Cuningham

Enrolled & examined by the true copie
of the originall the 8th of Octobr 1656

To All Christian People to whom these p^rsents shall come or may concerne These are to certifie That Thomas Williams Master of the good shipp called the Angell Michall of Dublin came this p^rsent day before me Thomas Wareinge gentl now Sovrane of the Borough and Towne of Belfast in the Countye of Antrim and did voluntarily take his oath and depose That hee the saide Thomas Williams comeinge from Rochell in France for Ireland wth his said shipp laded wth certaine goods and merchandize belonginge unto one George M^cCartney of Belfast aforesaid Marchant bound for the said place about the nineteenth of Novemb^r last about foure leagues to the southward of Sillie was surprised and taken by a man of warr whose name hee this Depon^t knoweth not but as hee doth conceive by his best Intelligence hee did belonge to Oastend, And hee this Depon^t with his men shipp and goods beinge in restrainte & keepinge wth the said Man of warr the said Man of Warr tooke out of this Depon^t shipp one pakkett of Ribbons one hatt and one

hogsheade of wine amountinge to the valew of sixtie seven pounds sterl^r or thereabouts wth other goods & merchandize But the said Master p^rtendinge his shipp was of Amsterdam in Holland hee got cleare from the said Man of Warr onely wth the losse of the goods & merchandize to the valew aforesaid And the said Master beinge arrived wth his said shipp here at Belfast aforesaid charged wth the said goods & merchandize hath voluntarily deposed upon his oath as aforesaid. In Testimonie whereof I have hereunto caused the Comon Seale of this saide Towne to be fixed & subscribed my name the fourteenth day of December in y^e year of our Lord_____

M^d that I Richard Wall of Belfast in the Countye of Antrim Towne Clerke of the saide Borrough at the instance and request of Rob^{te} Nevin of Belfast aforesaid Merchant and by the power given unto mee by his letter dated the eighteenth day of this instant gave warninge unto John Clugston of Belfast aforesaid Merchant That hee the saide John Clugston should remove out of his now dwellinge house in Belfast aforesaide and deliv^r upp all his possession in anie shopp backside or backside howses warehowse storehowse garden or anie other buildinge thereunto belonginge wth hee had or enjoyed by lease from Mr John Steawart and Jenet his wief lately called Jenet Nevin widowe relict of Rob^{te} Nevin late of Belfast aforesaide Merchant deceased wherein or unto the saide Rob^{te} Nevin in his life tyme had propright and tytyle and wth since his death did acrow and of right belonge unto Rob^{te} Nevin his sonne at and upon the first daye of Maye w^{ch} shall bee in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fiftie and eight at w^{ch} tyme the saide Clugstons tyme and Terme of in & unto y^e p^rmisses would bee expired ended & determined And the Answer of the saide John Clugston was unto mee that hee the saide John Clugston had had sufficient warning of that before and that it was sufficient warning These persons beinge p^rsent first before James Robinson of Belfast aforesaid butcher and the wief of Josias Marter of Belfast aforesaid Merchant and afterwards came there in p^rson at the tyme of the saide warninge John Correy of Belfast aforesaid Merchant and John Biggart of Belfast aforesaid Merchant whoe did heare mee the said Richard Wall give to the saide John Clugston the like warninge again in the behalf of the said Rob^{te} Nevin now livinge to remove as aforesaide and the saide John Clugston gave answer as aforesaide This was done by mee the_____

Richard Wall
Towne Clerke



M^d That at the Court of Assembly 1658 It is ordered by the Sovrane and Burgesses then p^rsent That all such persons whoe have heretofore beene admitted & sworne free staplers & free Comon^s of the Corporacon and whose Fines were ordered and adjudged accordinge as is expressed in the

Margent unto their names annexed at the saide Court shalbee collected levyed & paid wthout delay

Willm Leithes 1658 Sov^r

Jo Leithes Tho Theaker TT Tho Waring John Rigbee

Belfast

Att an Assembly houlden 1659. William Leathes gentl Sofferaigne, L^r Thomas Theaker Mr George Martin Mr Hugh Doake & Cap^t Francis Meeke & Burgesses of the Borrough afforesaid then p^rsent George M^cCartney gent was sworne one of the Burgesses of the said towne according to y^e eilection and order at y^e Court houlden the 17th of Sept^r 1659 and toke y^e oath of a Burgesse accordinge to y^e use and custom of the said Towne and Corporation

Willm Leithes 1659 Sov^r

Jo: Leithes

Tho Theaker TT George Martin
Hugh Doake HD his marke



I John Allsinor of the Parrish Yeoman doe acknowledge myselfe to be indebted unto y^e Soffraigne of the Borrough of Belfast afforesaid ye sune of Forty Shill str to be p^d upon demand and I doe by these p^rsents likewise ingage to pay y^e annuall Rent of y^e said Forty Shill to y^e said Soffraigne for y^e use of y^e poore of y^e said parrish for soe long time as y^e Forty Shill shall remaine in my hands it being y^e will and testam^t of Thomas Cheaplin whoe left y^e same to y^e use of y^e poore afforesaid at his death In witness whereof I hereunto sett my hand this 25th of Dec^r 1659

Witness
Rob^t: Leathes

his
John x Allsinor
marke

3 Nov^r 1659

The oath of a Sargent of y^e Mace of Bellfast
in y^e County of Antrim

Yo^s shall swear that yo^s shall well and truely serve in y^e office of a Sargent to this Corporation and all such warrants and p^rcepts as shall be issued from y^e Sofferaigne for y^e time being and therein doo yo^r duty in all and every thinge that belongeth to y^e office of a Sargent to y^e best of yo^r skill knowledge and understanding [So help yo^r God] You shall also make due returne of s^d warr^{ts} & Precepts and not keep the same or any of them in y^e hands but you shall use y^e best Endeavour to execute the same & every of them without protraction of time & without fav^r or affection mallice or evil will



Verses p^resented to Generall Monck

Advance George Monck & Monck S^r George shall be
 Englands Restorer to Its Liberty
 Scotlands Protector Irelands President
 1660 Reduceing all to a ffree Parliam^t
 And if thou dost intend the other thinge
 Goe on and all shall Crye God save y^e Kinge

R	R doth Rebellion Represent
V	by V nought els but Villainyes is meant
M	M Murther signifiyes all men doe knowe
P	P Perjures in ffashion growe
	Thus R and V with M & P
	conjoyn'd, make up our miserie.

The oath of a ffree man
 of Belfast in the Countye
 of Antrim

Burgess de
 Belfast in
 Com Antrim

Comon-
 wealthe]

I. A: B: doe hereby promise That from henceforth I will not
 doe nor suffer to bee done anie thinge that may bee to the hurte and hind-
 rance of this Corporacon But will advance the profit and good of the same
 by the best I may And that I will from henceforth well and faithfully keepe
 the secret Counsell of this Towne and Corporacon And that I will not
 Conceale or Keepe in my hands or Custodye anie Goods or Merchandize of
 anie fforainer or Alien that is not Free within this Corporacon whereby to
 hinder the good and benefitt of this said Towne And that I will obey the
 Sovraigne of this Towne for the tyme beinge and anie other Officer under him
 att his appointem^t and comand doinge their office lawfully. And that I
 will bee subject and obedient to such lawfull by Lawes Statutes and Orders
 w^{ch} are now legally and orderly established and sett downe for the good and
 welfare of the said Towne and w^{ch} hereafter may bee established for the good
 and Civill Govern^t of the same consentaneous and agreeinge wth the lawes
 and Statutes of this Kingdome. And that I will not from henceforth sue or
 ymplead anie Free Burgesse or Free Comon^t out of the Jurisdiccon of this
 Court for anie cause this Courte may beare and hould plea wthout license of
 the Lord of the Castle or the Sovraigne of this said Towne for the tyme
 beinge as long as I may have indifferent and equall justice and due proceed-
 ings in the said Court See helpe you God &c.



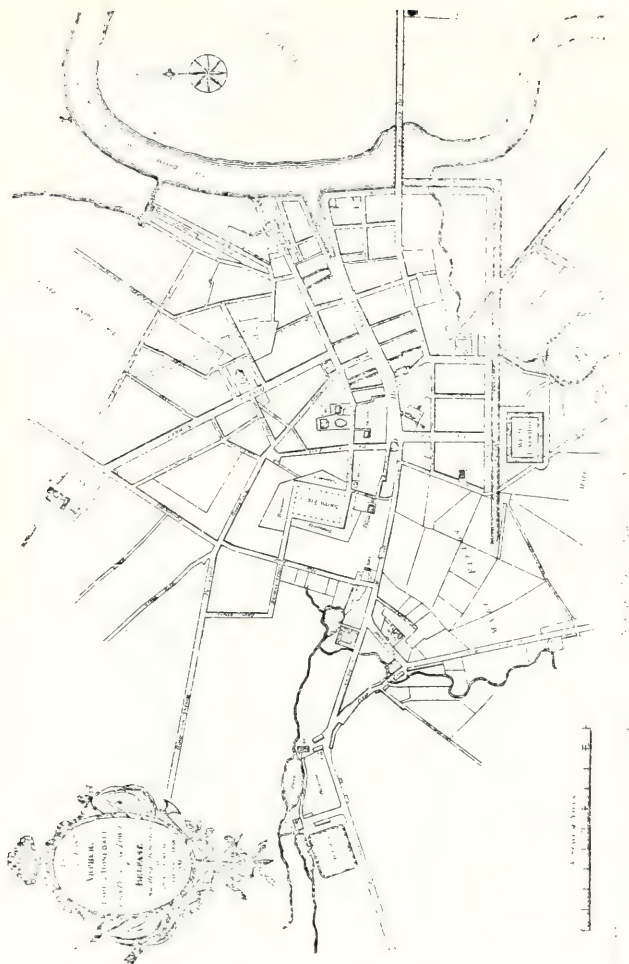
The Oath of a free Burgess
of Belfast 1660

Yo^r are elected and chosn to be one of the Burgesses of this Borrough and Towne of Belfast durning yo^r good behaviour and civill carriage in the said place.

Yo^r shall therefore be readie at y^e Comandem^t of the Sofferaine of the said Towne for the time being either by himselfe or upon notice given unto yo^r by anie his Officers to attend upon the said Sofferaine and him assiste with yo^r best advice and Councell in anie doubtfull cause or in anie other cause tending to y^e good benefit and profit of the same and alsoe for the good and welfaire and peaceable and civill governem^t thereof and to y^e uttermost of yo^r Power endevor to defend maintaine and uphold all the franchises libties and p^riviledgs whatsoever w^{ch} are now or hereafter shall or may bee by lawfull authority given or granted unto this said Towne and Corporacon soe longe as yo^r shall continue one of the number of the said Burgesses.

Yo^r shall alsoe further doe and execute all other things whatsoever belonging unto y^e place of a free Burgess of this Corporacon to y^e best of yo^r experience witt and knowledge so helpe yo^r God &c.

Memorandum. That y^e 24th of January 1660 Capt Meeke then Sovereigne who kept Court that day with severall Burgesses and free Comone^s of the Corporacon then assembled



there being then a difference depending in y^e said Courte Between John Stewart March' and William Taylor Mercht Whereupon y^e Court was proceeding and send for y^e said William Taylor to make answer to y^e said suite who returned answer to y^e said Court he would not come unless he was caused by order and thereupon y^e Court ordered Tho Bankes sargent to bringe him as may appeare by y^e anexed warrant und^r y^e Sovereignes hand bearinge date aforesaid by force of w^{ch} ye said William Taylor appeared and beinge demanded to *enter his* appeare^s & make answer to y^e said suite and proceed to a legall tryall he altogether refused but slighted and contemned y^e Court sayeing he had nothing to doe with y^e Court nor y^e suite with many peremptory and uncivill expressions with threatenings of what he would doe to y^e Judges of y^e said Court by Law all w^{ch} he acted in the face of y^e said Court whereupon y^e Sovereigne & the Burgesses; there assembled ordered y^e said William Taylor to be disfranchised of his freedom in to and of y^e said Corporacon and from that time forward to *be* taken as a stranger or allien to y^e said Corporacon

Signed by ord^r
Rob^t Leathes

Memorandum. That George M'Cartney Burgesse Robert Smith William Reinold Waynwright of London marchant came before me this 18th day off february 1660 and desired to have enrolled a Letter of Attorney the tenor whereof is as followeth. Know all men by these p'sents that I James Waynwright of London Esquire have made ordained and in my place putt and constituted And by these p'sents doe make ordain and in my stead and place putt and constitute my Loving Brother Reginald Waynwright of London march' my true and Lawfull Attorney for me and in my name and to my use to ask demand leavy sue for recover and Receive by all Lawfull ways and meanes whatsoever, of and from all such person and persons whom it doth shall or may concerne within y^e Nations of Scotland and Ireland all such summ and summes of money debts claymes and demands whatsoever w^{ch} they or any them are indebted and doe truly owe unto me by bond bill specially booke Account or by any wayes or meanes whatsoever Giving and by these p'sents granting unto my said Attorney his substitutes and assignes All my full Power and Authority in exercise of y^e premisses All such p'son or p'sons doth shall or may concerne their executors Administrators and goods if need shalbee to sue arrest attach seize sequester imprison and condeyme and out of prison to deliver, And to appeare before all and all manner of Judges Justices and Ministers of y^e Law, and to compound compromise conclude agree recover and receive & upon recoveries and Receipts or upon and composition other agreemts acquittances or any other Lawfull discharge for me and in my name to make seale and as my deed to deliver And one Attorney or more under him to make substitute and revoke And generally to doe execute prosecute and determine all and every act and acts thing and things whatsoever which in or aboute the premisses shall be needful necessary or convenient as fully

and effectually as I myself might or could doe personally holding and allowing for firme and stable all & whatsoever my said Attourney his substitutes and assigns or any of them shall lawfully doe or cause to be done in or about the premisses by virtue of these presents. In witness whereof I the said James Waywright have hereunto sett my hand and seale this twelfth day of October in ye yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fiftie and nine,

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

John Leman
John Morris
John Burton serv^t

Enroled and Examined agreeing with the original by me Rob: Leathes cler of the Borrough of Belfast the day and yeare above said.

James Waywright

This is acknowledged to be a true copy of the letter of Attorney Witness my hand this 8 of March 1660

Reginald Waywright

Att an Assembly holden y^e 17th of Aprill 1660 William Leathes gent Sofferaigne John Leathes Thomas Warring Hugh Doake John Leathes Senior and John Ridgby Burgesses of y^e Borrough afforesaid then p^rsent William Warring gent *sonn to Thomas Warring* was sworne one of y^e Burgesses of y^e said Towne according to y^e election and order at y^e Court holden as afforesaid and tooke y^e oath of a Burgess according to y^e use and custome of y^e said Towne and Corporacon

Willm Leithes Sover

Jo: Leithes Tho Waring Hugh HD Doake John Leathes John Rigbee

Att an Assembly holden the fift of May 1660 William Leathes gent Sofferaigne John Leathes his deputy George Martin Thomas Waring Hugh Doake John Leathes senior John Ridgby George M^cCartney and William Warring Burgesses of the Borrough afforesaid then p^rsent Edward Reynalls gent was sworne one of the Burgesses of y^e said Towne according to y^e election and order at y^e Court holden as afforesaid and tooke y^e oath of a Burgesse according to y^e use and custome of y^e said Towne and Corporacon

Jo Leithes Sovereigne

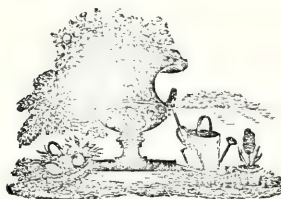
Hugh HD Doake Geo M^cCartney John Leathes Will: Waring George Martin Tho Waring John Rigbee

Att an Assembly holden the 25th of June 1660 Capt Francis Meeke Sofferaigne John Leathes George Martin Thomas Warring Hugh Doake John Ridgby George M^cCartney

Wm Warring and Edward Reynell Burgesses of y^e Borough of Belfast afforesaid then p^rsent and upon consideracon had of y^e want of a Burgess to make up y^e numb^r in y^e Roome and place of Mr William Leathes deceased Mr Thomas Wallcott was ellected and and (*sic*) sworne one of y^e Burgesses of y^e said Towne according to y^e ellection and order of y^e s^d assembly afforesaid and tooke y^e oath of a Burgess according to y^e use and custome of y^e said Towne and Corporacon

Fra Meeke Sufraine

George Martin Hugh HD Doake Tho Waring Geo
M^cCartney Willm Waring Edw: Reynell



BY the Sofferaigne and Burgesses of the Borrough

Whereas wee the Sofferaigne and Burgesses by vertue of Letters Pattens to us and our Successors for ever granted by the late Kinge of ever Blessed memory Kinge James have power (at our discretion) upon y^e longe absence Misdemenor or death of any Burgess or Burgesses to disfranchishim or them of his or their Burgess^s and of any liberty or priviledge he or they may or could enjoye thereby, And whereas wee have seriously considered that Walterhouse Crimble one of the Burgesses of this Corporacon hath removed his habitacon and ben absent from this Corporacon dureing y^e time of sixteen yeares last past to y^e dammage of [the] of the (*sic*) Corporacon neither is he intended to live amongst *us* and he is likewise Impotent by reason of old age therefore wee doe order and it is hereby enacted that y^e said Walterhouse Crimble from and after the day of the date hereof be disfranchised from his Burgesseship and from all rights and priviledges thereunto belonging and hereafter to be taken

and deemed as none of the Brotherly Society of this Corporacon and that his place be p'sently supplied by one of an honest life and conversation understanding and resident amongst us That out of respect and affection wee have and beare to Gilbert Wye Esq^r Stewart to the R^t Honor^{ble} y^e Earle of Donnegall a person quallified in all respects as afforesaid wee have ellected and chossen him the said Gilbert Wye to be one of the Burgesses of this Corporacon in place and stead of the said Walterhouse Crimble Given und^r our hands this 18th day of September in the fourteenth year of the Raigne of our Sofferaigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defend^r of the faith &c 1662

John Rigbee Soferaine

Jo: Leathes George Martin Edw Reynell Tho Waring
Tho Walcot Geo M^cCartney

Att an Assembly held the eighteen day of September in the fourteenth year of the raigne of our Sofferaigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith &c John Rigby Esqr Sofferaigne, John Leathes George Martin Thomas Warring Edward Reynells Thomas Wallcott George M^cCartney William Warring Burgesses of the Borrough of Belfast afforesaid then p'sent Gilbert Wye Esq was sworne one of the Burgesses of the said Towne in the stead and place of Walterhouse Crimble (who is deposed by order for causes therein menconed beareing date the day of the date hereof) according to ellection and ord^r at y^e Court held afforesaid and tooke the oath of a Burgesse according to the use and custome of the saide Towne and Corporacon

John Rigbee Soferaine

Geo M^cCartney George Martin Jo Leathes Tho
Waring Edw Reynell Tho Walcot



*His Majesties Gracious Letter and Declaration
sent to the House of Peers by Sr John
Greenvil K^t. from Breda and read in
the house the first of May 1660*

*To the Speaker of the House of Peers and
to the Lords there assembled
Charles R*

Right Trusty and Right well beloved Cosins and Right trusty & well beloved
Cosins and trusty and Right well beloved wee greet yo^r well: Wee cannot
have a better reason to promise ourselfe an end of our comon sufferings and
calamities and that our own just power and authority will with God's Blessing
be restored to us, then y^e wee heare yo^r are again acknowledged to have that
authority and Jurisdiction which hath allwayes belonged to yo^r by yo^r birth
and the Fundamentall Lawes of the Land: and wee have thought it very fit
and safe for us to call to yo^r for yo^r help in y^e composing the confounding
distempers and distractions of y^e Kingdome in w^{ch} yo^r sufferings are next to
those wee have undergone ourselfe: And therefore yo^r cannot but be the most
proper Counsellors [from] for removing those mischiefs and for preventing the
like for y^e future How great a trust wee repose in yo^r for the procuring and
establishing a Blessed peace and security for y^e Kingdome will appeare to yo^r.
by our enclosed Declaration which trust wee are most confident you will
discharge with that Justice & wisdom that becomes yo^r and must allwayes
be expected from yo^r and that upon yo^r experience how one violation succeeds
another when y^e known Relations and Rulers of Justice are once transgressed
yo^r will bee as as (*sic*) Jealous for the Rights of the Crown and for the
Honno^r of yo^r King as for yo^r selves and then cannot but discharge yo^r trust
with good success and provide for and establish the Peace Happiness and
Honno^r of King Lords and Comons upon that foundation which can only
support it and wee shall be all happy in each other: and as the whole Kingdom
will blesse God for yo^r all so wee shall hold our Self obliged in a speciall
manner to thank yo^r in particular according to y^e affection yo^r shall expresse
towards us wee need y^e less enlarge to yo^r upon this subject because wee have
likewise writ to y^e house of Comons w^{ch} wee suppose will communicate to yo^r:
And wee pray God to blesse yo^r joint endeavours for y^e good of us all and so
wee bid yo^r very heartily farewell Given at our Court at Breda, this day of
Aprill 1660.

CHARLES: R

CHARLES, by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France and
Ireland defender of the faith &c to all our loving subjects of what degree or
quality soever, Greeting if the generall distraction and confusion which is
spread over the whole Kingdom doth not awaken all men to a desire and
Longing that those wounds which have so many yeares together been kept
bleeding may be bound up all wee can say will be to no purpose: However
after this Long silence we have thought it our duty to declare how much we

desire to contribute thereunto and that as we can never give over the hope in good time to obtaine the possession of that R^l which God and nature hath made our due so wee doe make it our dayly suit to ye divine providence that hee will in compassion to us and our subjects after so long misery and sufferings comitt and putt us into a quiet and Peaceable possession of that our Right with as little blood and damage to our people as is possible, Nor doe wee desire more to enjoy what is ours than that all our subjects may enjoy what by Law is theirs by a full and entire administration of Justice throughout the Land and by extending our marcy where it is wanted and deserved.

And to y^e end that the fear of punishment may not engage any conscious to themselves of what is passed to a p^rseverance in guilt for the future by opposing the quiet and happiness of their Country in the Restoration both of King Peers and people to their Just Ancient and Fundamentall Rights wee doe by these presents declare that wee doe grant a Free and Generall pardon which wee are ready upon demand to pass under our Great Seal of England to all our subjects of what degree or quality soever who within forty days after the publishing hereof shall lay hold upon this our grace and favor and shall by any publick act declare their doing so. And that they returne to the Loyalty and obedience of good Subjects (excepting onely such persons as shall hereafter be excepted by Parliam^t) those only excepted. Lett all our loving subjects how faulty soever relie upon y^e word of a Kinge solemnly given by this present declaracon that noe crime whatsoever committed against us or our Royall Father before the publication of this shall ever rise in Judgment or be brought in question against any of them to the least endamage-ment of them either in their lives Liberties or Estates or (as far forth as lies in our power) so much as to the prejudice of their Reputations by any Reproch of term of distinction from y^e rest of our best subjects wee desireing and ordaining that henceforward all notes discord separation and difference of Parties be utterly abolished among all our subjects whom wee invite and conjure to a perfect union among themselves under our protection for y^e resettlement of our Just Rights and theirs in a free Parliam^t by which upon the word of a Kinge wee will be advised

And because the Passion and uncharitableness of the times have produced severall opinions in Religion by which men are engaged in Parties and animosities against each other which when they shall hereafter unite in a freedom of conversation will be composed or better understood wee doe declare a Liberty to tender Consciences and that no man shall be disquieted or called in question for differences of opinion in religion which doe not disturbe the peace of the Kingdom And that wee shall be ready to consent to such an Act of Parliam^t as upon mature deliberation shall be offred to us for y^e full granting that indulgence.

And because in the continuall distractions of so many yeares and soe many and great Revolutions money grants and purchases of Estates have been made to and by many officers Soldiers and others who are now possessed of the same and who may be lyable to actions at Law upon severall titles wee are likewise willing that all such differences and all things relating to such grants sales and purchases shall be determined in Parliam^t which can best provide for the just satisfacon of all men who are concerned.

And wee doe further declare that wee will be ready to consent to any Act or Acts of Parliam^t to y^e Purposes aforesaid and for y^e full satisfaction of all arrears due to y^e officers and y^e Souldiers of y^e Army under y^e command

of Generall Monck and that they shall be retained in our service upon as good pay and conditions as they now enjoy.

Given under our Sign Manual
and Privy Signet at our Court
at Breda this $\frac{1}{4}$ th day of
April 1660 in the twelfth
year of our Reign

DUBLIN

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by Special Order
Anno Domini 1660

Know yee that I John Leathes of Rathnewgent. in y^e County of Westmeath and one of the Burgesses of this Borrough this seaven and twentyeth day day (*sic*) of May 1660 make claime to y^e benefit of y^e exceeding great grace and Mercy held out by his most excellent Majesty Charles y^e Second by y^e Grace of God Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of y^e Faith &c to all his loving subjects by a declaracon under his signe Manual and privy signett at his Court at Breda $\frac{1}{4}$ th of April 1660 and in y^e 12th year of his Majestys Reigne and sent to y^e Houses of Peers and Comons in England and Published by order of y^e first of May 1660 and doe with thankfulnessse and Joy of hart lay hould embrace and accept of his Majestys Grace and favour offered therein and doe humbly pray the benefitt thereof. And that this my prayer and acceptance may be recorded as a publige Act of mine and entred amongst the Records of this Court And likewise doe owne and acknowledge his Majestie to be Sovereigne Lord and Kinge and Promise to yead all constant and faithfull obedience to his Majesty As witness my hand

Acknowledged before
Cap^t francis Meeke
Soveraigne of this
Borough and Entred
per Rob^t Leathes

Towne Clk

Memorandum that I Roger Humphreys of Bellfast afforesaid this fifth day of June 1660 make claime to y^e benefitt of y^e exceeding great Grace and Mercy held out by his most excellent Majesty Charles y^e Second by y^e Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of y^e faith &c to all his loving subjects by a declaracon under his signe Manual and privy signett at his Court at Breda $\frac{1}{4}$ th of April 1660 and in y^e 12th year of his Majestys Reigne and sent to y^e house of Peers and Comons in England and published by order of y^e first of May last past and doe with thankfulness and Joy of hart lay hold embrace and accept of his Majestyes Grace and favour offered therein and doe humbly pray the benefitt thereof. And that this my prayer and acceptance may be recorded as a publique act of mine and entred amongst the Records of this Court. And likewise doe owne and acknowledge his Majestie to be my Sovereigne Lord and Kinge and Promise to yead all constant and faithfull obedience to his Majestie As witness my hand

Acknowledged before
Cap^t francis Meeke
Sofferaigne of this Borrough
and entred per

Roger Humphreys

Rob^t Leathes

Memorandum That I William Dix of Belfast in y^e County of Antrim this eight day of June 1660 make claim to y^e benefit of the exceeding great grace and mercy held out by his most excellent Majesty Charles the Second by the Grace of God Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of y^e Faith &c to all his loveing Subjects by a Declaration under his Signe Manual and privy signett at his Court at Breda $\frac{1}{4}$ of Aprill 1660 and in y^e 12th yeare of his Maj^{ties} Raigne and sent to y^e houses of Peers and Comons in England and published by order of the first of May last past and doe with thankfulness and Joy of harte lay hould embrace and accept of his Maj^{ties} grace and favour offered therein and doe humbly pray the benefit thereof And that this my prayer and acceptance may be recorded as a Publique act of mine and entered amongst the records of the Court And Likewise doe owne and acknowledge His Ma^{ties} to be my Sovereigne Lord and Kinge and promise to yeald all constant and faithfull obedience to his Majestie

As witnessse my hande.

Acknowledged before Capt
francis Meeke Sofferaigne
of y^e said Borrough
and entred per me

Rob^t Leathes
Town: Clk

Memorandum That I Robert Leathes of Belfast in y^e County of Antrim this eight day of June 1660 make claime to y^e benefit of y^e exceeding great grace and Mercy held out by his most excellent Majesty Charles y^e Second by y^e Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of y^e Faith &c to all his loveing subjects by a Declaration und^r his signe Manual & privy signett at his Court at Breda $\frac{1}{4}$ of Aprill 1660 and in ye 12 yeare of his Majestyes Raigne and sent to ye house of Peers and Comons in England and published by order of y^e first of May last past and doe with thankfulness and Joy of heart lay hold embrace and accept of his Majesties grace and favour offered therein and do humbly pray the benefit thereof And that this my prayer and acceptance may be recorded as a publique act of mine and entred amongst the records of this Court And likewise doe owne and acknowledge his Matie to be my Sovereigne Lord and Kinge and Promise to yeald all constant and faithfull obedience to his Majestie

As witness my hand

Rob Leathes

Acknowledged before
Cap^t francis Meeke
Soff^{re} of y^e said Borrough
& entred by myselfe
R. L.

Att an Assembly held for y^e Borrough of Belfast the 24th of June 1660 before Cap^t francis Meeke gent Sofferaigne of y^e said Towne and before y^e Burgesses of y^e same It was ordered by the Sofferaigne and Burgesses aforesaid with y^e consent of Arthur Lord-Visct Chichester of Carrickfargus and Earle of Donegall (Lord of y^e Castle of Belfast

afforesaid) that no Burgess of y^e said Borrough from and after y^e date hereof that is or shall bee ellected and sworne Sofferaigne of y^e Borrough afforesaid durement the time of his Sovereigneship shall sell by retaile in his house any Wines of what kinde soever or any Beere Ale or Aquavite or keepe entertainem^t in his house *durement* his office afforesaid upon paine of one hundred pound to be levied upon his goods or chables to and for y^e use of y^e Corporacon and y^e said Burgesse soe offending to be disfranchised of his Burgess?

Fra Meeke Sufraine

I consent to this

Donegall

Tho Waring Geo M'Cartney Will: Waring Edw:
Reynell George Martin Hugh Doake HD his marke
Tho Walcot

Memorandum that James Smith of Ballyvally in y^e Parrish of Sea Patrick and County of Downe and Gilbert McGarragh of y^e Belfast afforesaid came before me and desired to have enrolled a bargain of saile of his y^e said James Smiths and Jane his wiffe right in [his] *all their* houses lands and tennem^t in Belfast made to y^e saide Gilbert McGarragh as follow in these words. Memorandum That I James Smith of Ballyvally in y^e parrish of Seapattrick in y^e County of [Antrim] Downe yeoman for divers good causes and consideracons me thereunto moving but especially for and in consideracon of ye sume of thirty three pounds sterling to bee paid as followeth by Gilbert McGarragh of ye Towne and parrish of Belfast and County of Antrim have and doe by these presents for me my Executors Administrators and Ass^t by and with y^e consent of Jane my wife whoo doth hereunto subscribe bargained sould assigned and sett over unto him y^e said Gilbert McGarragh his Executors Administrators and Ass^t all our Right title interest claime and demand wee have had or should have in and to ye Lands tenem^t hereditam^t and appurtenances to them belonging Now in ye hands of him the said Gilbert, Thomas Postley and John Thomson of Belfast and all other claymes and demands whatsoever I or my wife have to any tenem^t or professions whatsoever in Belfast afforesaid from this time forth and for ever he y^e said Gilbert m'Garragh his Executo^r Administrat^r and Ass^t Yealding and payeing unto me my Executors Administrators or Ass^t ye sume of thirty and three pounds ster. aforesaid whereof I acknowledge to have received in part paym^t ye sume of five shill^d and six pence in Gold and y^e remainder to be paid at two severall paym^t viz y^e sume of sixteen pounds tenn shills to be paid [as afforesaid] to me or my ass^t upon demand and ye other part being ye sume of sixteen pounds tenn shill^d str to be paid as afforesaid at or before ye fourth day of August next ensuinge the date hereof w^{ch} in ye whole makes ye sum of thirty three pounds afforesaid being ye full consideracon afforesaid and I and my Executors to leave him ye said Gilbert his Executors Administrators and Ass^t free from all rents arrears of rents & duties due to y^e Lord Chichester out of y^e premisses Provided always that ye said Gilbert and his Ass^t make good those tennments interest that now live on ye premisses they makinge their said interest good to clayme ye same And it is further agreed between me y^e said James and the said Gilbert

McGarragh that I doe engage that upon y^e payment of y^e first sune specified herein to deliver to him ye said Gilbert or his Ass^t y^e grand Lease under y^e hande and seale of Edward Lord Chichester of ye premisses and all other writings concerning y^e same he ye said Gilbert givinge a Bond for ye last paym^t of y^e said money accordinge [to y^e said Bargaine and to do or endeavour with y^e Land Lord to Procure a Reversion for y^e said Gilbert and for his Ass^t of y^e Premises." In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st of May 1660

Enrolled and Examined according
to the originall this 10th of August 1660

James Smyth

by Mee Rob Leathes Town CK] to these p^rsents and I doe engage to goe with him ye said Gilbert before the Lord Chichester and thereto acknowledge ye said Bargaine and to doe my Indeavour with ye said Lord to procure a Reversion for ye said Gilbert and his Ass^t of ye premisses In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this 21st day of May 1660

Signed sealed and delivered
in ye p^rsents of
John Stewart
James Stalker
Rob^t Leathes

James Smith
Jane Smith

Enrolled and examined
according with the originall
10th of August 1660

Rob^t Leathes

Know all men by these p^rsents That I Thomas Christian of Liverpoole in ye County of Lancaster Marchant doe owe and Promise to pay unto Thomas Warren of Belfast in ye County of Antrim March^t the full and Just sune of fifty and six pounds of currant and Lawfull March^t the full and Just to be paid to the Said Thomas Warren his heirs Executors administrators or ass^t upon demand for paym^t whereof I the said Thomas Christian afforesaid doe firmly by these p^rsents bind myselfe my heirs Executors Administrators or Assignes in ye above said sune of fifty and six pounds Witness my hand and Seale the seaven and twentyth day of May one thousand six hundred sixty and one In the thirteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second

The condicon of this obligacon is such that if the above bounden Thomas Christian his heirs Executors Administrators or Ass^t doe pay or cause to be paid unto Thomas Warren his heirs Execut^{ors} Administrat^{ors} or Assignes upon demand the sum of eight and twenty pounds of Lawfull English money then this obligacon to be voyd otherwise to stand in full power force and vertue Witness my hand and Seal the seaven and twentieth day of May 1661

Signed sealed and delivered
in ye p^rsence of us

per me Thomas Christian

William Stacley
Daniel DC Christians marke

Enrolled and exam, agreeing
with ye originall by me

Rob^t Leathes
this 22^d of feeb^r 1661

M^d That William Stacey and Daniell Christian came before me John Rigby Sofferaigne of this Towne and Borrough of Belfast where was produced to them a bill obligator und^r ye hand and seale of Thomas Christian to w^{ch} they were witnesses (the above enrolm^t being a true and p^rfect copy examined as aforesaid of y^e said Bill) and they declared upon their corporall oaths that they did see ye said Thomas Christian signe seale and deliver ye said Bill to ye above said Thomas Warring for his use ye
of feeb^r 1661

John Rigbee
Soffraigne

Know all men by these p^rsents that I John Egelsham of Belfast in ye County of Antrim within ye Kindom of Ireland M^rchant doe owe and stand Indebted unto Lawrance Breeres of Liverpoole in the County of Lancast^r Marc^t the sume of thirty one pounds fiftene shillings six pence due to be paid unto y^e said Lawrance Breeres his heires or assignes att or before the first of May next ensuinge for w^{ch} payment well and truly made I bind mee my heirs Execut^{ors} And administrat^{ors} firmly by these p^rsents in the sume of sixty one pounds ster^r Assse witnesse my hand and seale the 16th of february Anno Dni 1660

Signed sealed and delivered
in ye p^rsence of us

John Egelsham

Tho Christian
Jo^s Starkie
George Stewart

Mr Eglesham I pray pay the within sume unto Mr Tho Warring I havinge Received the value in goods pray faile not to pay him upon demand the bond being due the first of May I doe not doubt of yo^r p^rformance I rest

Yo^r loving friend

Tho Christian

I doe hereby oblige my selfe my Execut^{ors} Administrat^{ors} or ass^t to pay unto Laurance Breeres of Liverpoole mar^t att or upon first of May next ensueing the sume of foure pounds tenn shills str as witness my hand and seale the 18th day of february Anno Dni 1660

Signed sealed and delivered
in ye p^rsents of
Thomas Buck

John Egelsham

Mr Eglesham I desire to pay the above some according as beefore desired and Mr Warrings receipt shall be yo^r discharge from yo^r loving friend

Tho Christian

Enrolled and examined
according to the originall
by me Rob^t Leathes
This 22nd of feeb^r 1661

Att an Assembly of y^e Sovereaigne and Burgesses held for the Corporacon this 24th day of January 1662 Peirce Welsh shoemaker one of y^e ffreemen of this Corporacon being called

before y^e said Sovereigne & Burgesses to make answer for his misdemeanor comitted ag^t y^e Sovereigne where upon debate of y^e matter y^e said Peirce Welsh was found guilty of y^e said misdemeanor that is to say that he y^e said Peirce Welsh being before y^e Sovereigne yesterday y^e 23rd instant about some differance between him y^e said Peirce and his man where y^e said Peirce by his words slighted and contemned y^e Sovereigne and his officers and their authority saying he would not yeald any obedience to him or them casting at nought y^e oath he had *taken* upon his admition to his freedomship wherein he became bound by the said oath to yeald all obedience to y^e Sovereigne & his officers and although y^e Law of this Kingdom is strickt in those cases for punishing of offend^rs yett y^e Sovereigne hath remitted y^e strictness of it and only have disfranchised him y^e said Peirce Welsh of his Freedom and prevelidges of this Corporacon and ordered that he shall be comitted to Prison there to remaine 24 houres or to pay for y^e use of the Corporacon y^e sune of tenn shills ster Therefore it is hereby ordered & enacted by y^e Sovereigne and Burgesses now assembled that he y^e said Pierce Welsh shall be disfranchised of his Freedom & previledge afores^d and to undergoe y^e Imprisonm^t or pay y^e sune afforesaid and this und^r our hands the day & yeare afforesaid.

Tho Warring

Geo M^cCartney
Sovereigne

Jo Leathes

Hugh ID Doake

this 5th of Febr: 1662

It is this day ordered by y^e Sovereigne & Burgesse upon y^e peticon & humble [peticon] submission of him y^e said Peirce Welsh that he the said Peirce be restored to his former priveleidge of this Corporacon notwithstanding our former order

Memorandum That whereas Andrew Loyd of Dublin marcht did putt aboard ye Mary of Greenock in Scotland Thomas Macombe Master eighteen barrells and firkins and eight boxes directed to Mr. Thomas Warring of Belfast w^{ch} accordingly was delivered to ye said Thomas Warring but upon weight of ye boxes of Tabbaco and other Caske there was found wanting ye number of seaventeen pound and twelve ounces of neat Tabbaco according to ye bill of particulars sent to ye said Thomas Warring of y^e goods afforesaid Therefore at ye desire of y^e said Thomas Warring ye said Thomas Macombe and Robert Wilson both of ye Vessessell *Company* affores^d made [the] oath before John Rigby Esq^r Sofferaigne of the Borrough afforesaid that they nor any belonging to

ye said Vessell did to their Knowledge deminish or imbessill any of y^e said Tobacco above y^e value of six pence sir but as they rec^d ye same aboard so they delivered ye same to ye said Thomas Warring w^{ch} ye Thomas Warring desired might be recorded this 8th of Apr 1662

Entered by

Rob^t Leathes Towne Clerk



IT an Assembly of y^e Sofferaigne and Burgesse held for y^e Corporacon this 24th day of June 1662 it was ordred and is hereby established Whereas there have been sessed & applotted upon y^e Inhabitants of the Towne and quarters of Bellfast severall sumes of money for severall uses of y^e said Towne and quart^{rs} as may appeare from y^e time that ffrancis Meeke entred into y^e office of Sofferaigne of this Corporacon to this day and that by y^e retourne of y^e Collect^{rs} [are in arrears] severall of y^e said Inhabitants are in arreare [of] y^e said Sesses That y^e said severall sesses soe in arreare be by distresse or otherwise collected and brought into y^e hands of y^e Sofferaigne for y^e time being and that y^e Sofferaigne for y^e time being by his warrant und^r his hand from time to time cause y^e said assessem^t to be collected and brought in as afforesaid for y^e use afforesaid

John Rigbee Sofraigne

Fra: Meeke Tho Walcot Edw Reynell Hugh HD
Doake Tho Waring Geo M^cCartney

Yo^a and every of yo^a shall sweare that [yo^a and every of yo^a] for y^e terme of one whole yeare beginning from y^e 9th of Oct^r 1662 yo^a if yo^a soe long—— shall duly and truly execute y^e office of overseers of y^e Markett [on the Mark]

accordinge to such Rules Articles and Instructions as shall be given yo^r in charge according to yo^r best skill knowledge and understanding Soe help yo^r God in Christ

Daniell Christian	} Overseers of ye Markett sworne
John Martin March ^r	
Arthur Houghton	



Know all men by these p'sents that I John Chrichton marcht in Belfast doe by vertue of one Comission to me granted by Mr. John Hudson, marcht owner of ye Unicorn of Wirewatter sell and dispose unto William Smith William Thombe Hugh Eccles and Michael Biggar marcht in ye aforesaid Corporacon all and wholly the affores^d Shipp with tackell furniture and other necessaryes conform to an Invoyce produced and doth oblige myselfe my heires Executors and Ass^s to warrant and harmlesse keep the fioresaid Buyers free from all taxes claimes rights or titles or any other trouble whatsoever that any person or persons may alledge after the delivery of the said ship and further obledge myselfe as aforesaid to make delivery of her at or before ye first day of november next ensuing the date hereof inconveinencie of wind and weather and all hassards whatsoever being excepted, for w^{ch} Ship the fioresaid marchants doth oblige themselves joynly and severally their heires execut^{ors} or Ass^s to thankfully pay or cause to be paid unto John Hudson and partners their heires execut^{ors} or Ass^s ye full and just sune of six hundreth and eighteen pounds sterling currant money of England at two severall paym^{ts} it is to say the one moyetye thereof at or before y^e first day of March next ensuing the date hereof the other halfe or moyetye at or before ye first day of July next following w^{ch} will be in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and sixty three yeares to which promises both parties hath Interchangeably sett their hands and seales this second of October Anno Dom 1662

Witnesses p'sent
John Stewart
James Biggar

William Smith
William Thom
Hugh Eccles
Michael Biggar
John Creichton

Enrolled and examined according to the originall per Rob^t Leathes this
24th of Oct^r 1662 R.L.

By the Sovereigne of the Borrough of Belfast and
one of His Maj^{ties} Justices of the Peace for y^e
County of Antrim

These are to certifie all whom it may concerne that the Bearer hereof John Creichton marcht and part owner of ye good ship called the Unicorn of Belfast aforesaid is a free Denisson of this Kingdom of Ireland borne in ye County of Tyrone and is an Inhabitant and free comoner and Marchant

of the Staple of the Borrough of Bellfast afforesaid all w^{ch} I certifie as
witnesses my hand and scale of ye said Corporacon this 26th of December 1662.

Enrolled and Ex:
per Rob^t Leathes

George M^cCartney
Sovereigne

By George m^cCartney Esq^{re} Sovereigne of the Borrough of Belfast and one of
his Mat^{ties} Justices of Peace for the County of Antrim

These are to testifie to all whom it may or shall concerne that William Harwood quarterpart owner of the ship called the North Star of Bellfast came before me the day of the date hereof and in y^e p^resence of William Smith William Thom and William Moore of Bellfast afforesaid Marchants and there freely declared and acknowledged (notwithstanding he the said William Harwood in his owne name had bought from Claies Pieters Wittepart of Amsterdam in Holland one vessell or shipp called a Buys shipp with masts yards sailes rops cables and ancors and all other things to her belonging burden about fourscore tunn as may more at large appeare by y^e annexed Instrum^t of writing Subscribed by John Van Wyning notary Publique in Amsterdam afforesaid) that there doth but belong and of right appertaine to y^e said William Harwood only one quarter parte of y^e said ship now called y^e North Star of Bellfast. And the other three quarter parts of y^e said ship is properly and doth belong unto William Smith William Thom and William Moore afforesaid whoe were and are part owners with the said William Harwood in buyeing the said ship and by their factor according to their severall and respective shares and proporcons furnished him with money soe to doe and likewise y^e said William Harwood with y^e afforesaid owners desired and requested yf it might be certified he the said William Harwood hath but right and title to one quarter part of y^e said vessell or ship and noe more and that he neither can or will claime any other interest or title in y^e said ship but y^e said quarter part all w^{ch} I testifie to be true As witness my hand and comon seale of the Corporacon afforesaid this thirtieth day of October Anno dom 1662

Enroled and examined
according to y^e originall
per Rob^t Leathes

Towne Clerke

Geo: m^cCartney
Sovereigne

Know all men by these p^rsents: Whereas William Harwood late Master of ye good shipp called ye Golden Star als the North Star of Bellfast hath for and in consideracon of ye sume of three score and eight pounds st^l to him paid sould ye quarter part of ye said shipp to William Smith William Thom and William Moore of Belfast afforesaid marcht^s and whereas by vertue of y^e annexed letter of Attourney made to me James Sparkes of Bellfast afforesaid marcht^s to sell and dispose of ye fourth parte of y^e said quarter part w^{ch} doth belong to Cornelis Vander Vere and Thomas Prettyman of Amsterdam I therefore in pursuance of ye said letter of attourney and for and in consideracon of ye sume of seaventeen pounds ster to me in hand [had] paid by William Harwood afforesaid doe by these p^rsents for me and the said Cornelis Vander Vere and Thomas Prettyman and their ass^s allow condensend fully agree and confirme ye saide bargain and saile made by ye said William Harwood of ye quarter part afforesaid the fourth of ye quarter part afforesaid (included) to ye said William Smith William Thom and William Moore affore-

said and doe hereby ingage myselfe to save indempnifie and keepe harmlesse the said William Harwood and his ass^s of and from y^e said Cornelis Vander Vere & Thomas Prettyman and their executo^rs administrato^rs and ass^s for or by reason of ye saile of ye said sixteen part of ye said *shipp* In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the thirteenth day of December in y^e yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty two 1662

Signed sealed and
delivered in y^e p^resence of

James Sparkes

Geo: in' Cartney
Soveraigne
Mic Bigger
Rob^t: Leathes

Enroled and Examined according
to ye originall per Rob^t: Leathes



Att an Assembly held this 7th January 1663 by the Soveraigne and Burgesses of the Borrough affores^d it is this day ordered That if William Taylor march^t who for offences by him comitted ags^t ye Sov^r & Burgesses was disfranchised of his freedome^o of this Corporacon doe not before ye next Court of assembly to be held for ye Corporacon affores^d submitte & confesse his error that he hath comitted ag^t them shall for ever hereafter be disenabled to be admitted a Comoner & free march^t of y^e staple of this Borrough

Signed by order

Rob^t: Leathes

Stet



TT an Assembly held for ye Burrough of Belfast this 7th day of January 1663 & by and with y^e consent of the Rt Honno^{ble} the Earle of Donnegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast before George m'Cartney Esq Sovereigne of the Borrough of Belfast and before ye free Burgesses of the same That whereas daily complaintes [is] are made by severall Inhabitants of the said Borrough that great anoyance is comitted by the Butchers of this Towne by killing and slaughtering of Cattle they suffer the Blood and Garbage of their slaughter houses, some to lye in ye streets & other parte to run into severall channells and ditches of this Towne to the corruption and putrefaccon of the River and anoyance of their neighbours by reason of the stinke and evill and infectious smell (that if not timely prevented) will by all likelihood bringe some Ruinous and pestellentiall desease amongst y^e Inhabitants, which for the future that care may be taken and such enormities cured, It is ordered and by and with the consent affores^d it is hereby enacted that if any Butcher or Butchers or any other person whatsoever shall from and after the date hereof slaughter or kill or cause to be slaughtered or killed any cattle of what kinde soever within this Towne of Belfast without they or any of them soe doinge shall carry or cause to be carried the same day all y^e Blood and Garbage of such beasts or cattle soe killed or slaughtered twenty yards beyon ye full sea marke every such Butcher or other person offending herein shall for every offence pay twenty shillings sterling to be levied imediatly by distresse or otherwise as is accustomed &c

Will: Waring

Geo M'Cartney Sovraigne

Tho Walcot Edw Reynell Tho Waring Gill:
Wye George Martin John Leathes Joh Rigbee
Jo Leythes Hugh HD Doake

Stet

7 Jan 1663

Att the Assembly held y^e 7th of January affores^d for the Corporation afforesaid by and with y^e consent of the R^t Honor^{ble} y^e Earle of Donegall it is ordered and enacted that if any person or persons shall from and after y^e date hereof incumber leave or cause to be left upon any of the Streets and Layns of this Towne of Belfast any timber carts, cars,

A bye Law

hoggsheads barrells or other caske full or empty or any other thing of what quality soever without leave first had and obtained from y^e Sovraigne of y^e Borrough affores^d for y^e time being soe to doe and that to be granted in cases of necessity as y^e Sovraigne shall allow of every such person or persons offending herein shall pay for every offence tenn shill^s ster And it is further ordered that all person or persons within the Towne being Masters of families or tennants liveing in any house or houses or that useth or occupieth any shopp, seller, warehouse, storehouse, or any place or ground (though waste) fronting upon any of the Streets or Lanes afforesaid shall every week twice that is to say on Wednesday and Saturday sweepe and make clean or cause to be swept and made clean, his or their part or porcion of the street that belongeth to such house or houses shopp sellers warehouses storehouses or any other place or places respectively and if any such person or persons shall neglect or refuse soe to doe every such person [shall] shall pay twelve pence ster for every offence

Geo: m^cCartney Sovraigne

George Martin Tho Waring Tho Walcot Edw:

Reynell Hugh HD Doake John Leathes John

Rigbee Jo: Leathes Gill^e Wye Will: Waring

1663



TT ye assembly held ye 7th January affores^d for ye Corporacon afforesaid by and with ye consent of ye Rt Honorb^{le} ye Earle of Donegall it is ordered that every person or persons shall build up or cause to be builded up and topt ye bankes of y^e River of this Towne of Bellfast with brick or stone and lime above y^e streets or Pavem^{ts} such hight as some parte of y^e said Riverwall is[are] already made and ye same to be compleated and finished before the last day of June next ensueing ye date hereof and every person or persons that is or shall be concerned to build up ye Banke of y^e said River and that shall neglect or refuse soe to doe shall pay tenn shills ster for every offence to be immediatly levied by distresse or otherwise as is accustomed &c

George: M^cCartney Sovraigne

George Martin Jo: Leathes Tho Waring Tho

Walcot Edw: Reynell Hugh HD Doake John

Leathes John Rigbee Gill^e Wye Will: Waring



TT an Assembly held for y^e Corporacon this 14th of April 1664 by y^e Sovraigne and free Burgesses by and with y^e consent of ye Rt Honor^{ble} y^e Earle of Donegall it is ordered that Hugh Eccles marct shall have liberty to make a Bridge over ye River of Belfast before his new howse soe broad as a coach or a wheel car may go over without molestacon hinderance or interruption of any person or persons whatsoever and further it is enacted that any person or persons inhabitants of this Towne shall and may have Liberty to build and erect bridge or bridges over ye River afforesaid first haveing and obtaining ye consent afforesaid

Geo: M^cCartney Sovraigne

Edw: Reynell Hugh Doake HD his mark Gill:
Wye Will Warring Jo: Leathes Tho Walcot
John Leathes



Know all men by these presents That I Robert Barrow of ye Cittie Dublin esq^r doe owe and stand justly indebted unto Rebecca Parkinson of Belfast in ye County of Antrim widdow the just and full sume of two hundred pounds of current money of and in England to be paid unto the said Rebecca Parkinson or to her certaine Attourney her Executo^r Administrat^r or ass^s for ye paym^t whereof well and truly to bee made and performed I binde myselfe my heirs executors and administrators in ye whole and every part firmly by these p^rsents Signed with my hand and sealed with my seale this eight and twentieth day of September one thousand six hundred fifty and seven

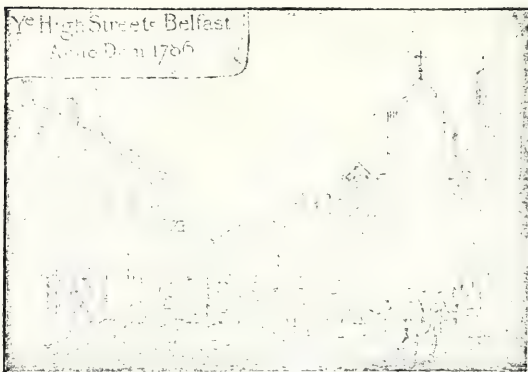
The Condition of the above written obligacon is such That if the above bounden Robert Barrow his heirs Executo^r and Administrato^r and every of them their and every of their (*sic*) heirs execut^r and Administrat^r shall well and truly content satisfie pay or cause to be well and truly contented satisfied and paid unto the above named Rebecca Parkinson or to her certaine attorney her Executo^r administrators or ass^s the full and just sume of one hundred pounds of good and lawfull money att ye now dwelling house of Mr. Will Dix in Belfast att or upon the twenty ninth day of September w^{ch} shall be in ye yeare one thousand six hundred fifty and eight att one whole and entire payment without fraude or further delay That then this present obligacon to be voyd and of none effect or else to remaine in full force power and effect in Law

Signed sealed and
delivered in ye p^rsence
of us

Rob Barrow

Sam Bonnell }
John Benson }
Wm Dix }

Enroled and examined
according to ye originall
this 11th June 1664
per Rob^t Leathes



By the Sovraigne and Burgesses of the Corporacon
of Belfast Assembled y^e 25th June 1664



HEREAS there hath benn for a longe
time past great want of a Court House
or Towne Hall for this Corporacon
whereby the decency Authority and well
Governing of this Burrough hath received
prejudice and determiⁿt both in ye body
Corporate and Politique [even to y^e
anihillating of that Antiquity Splendor
and Majesty wherewith it has been adorned] wherefore
wee have in Councell determined and decreed that such
decayes and ruins shall be repaired and to that end [did
place] have given in charge to ye Grand Jury in Hillary
Terme 1663 to [present] inquire and present ye yearly
charge and repaire of ye Court House Lett unto ye
Corporacon by ye now Sovraigne wth Jury by their
p^resentm^t ye 23rd of March 1663 hath thought fitt &
determined under their hands that ye sune of five pounds
per annum be paid to ye Sovraigne for ye said Court House
soe longe as it shall be for ye Towns use and ye sune of
be likewise paid him to putt it in repaire wth

afterwards he is soe to maintaine Therefore wee doe hereby order that a warrant doe immediately issue from ye Sovereigne for Applotting and leving of ye said sume of Tenn pounds being for two years rent ending att Michaellmas next ensueing as alsoe for ye sume of in consideracon of ye repairs with ye sume of for his Maj^{ties} Armes to be in ye said Courthouse w^{ch} said severall sumes is to be applotted and levied only of and from ye [ffree] Sovereigne ffree Burgesses free Comoners and march^{er} staplers of this Borrough and if any person or persons shall refuse to pay his equall proporcon of ye said severall sumes according to his or their capacity and abilityes that then ye Sovereigne for ye time being is hereby Authorised and Impowered by warrants from time to time to levy ye said assessm^{nt} by way of distresse or otherwise of each person soe refusing and the same to apprise and sell and convert to y^e uses afforesaid retourning ye overplus to ye owner if any be and that ye said sume of five pounds yearly be continued to ye said Sovereigne for ye said Court house soe long as ye same shall be for ye use of this Corporacon to be assessed levied and paid as afforesaid dated ye 25th of June 1664

By George M^cCartney Esqr Sovereigne and ye free
Burgesse of ye Borrough of Belfast



HEREAS there hath benn a longe time past great want of a Court House or Town Hall for this Corporacon of Belfast whereby the decency of this Borrough hath rec^d prejudice and determ^t both in ye body Corporate & Polittique wherefore wee have in counsell determined and freely consented that whereas George M^cCartney now Sovereigne of Belfast affores^d hath procured leave and p^rmission of ye R^l Honor^{ble} ye Earle of Donegall that ye upper parte of those Sellers next ye Markett place w^{ch} ye said Sovereigne now rents of ye said Earle and hath rented for some years last past shall be made use of as a Court house as it hath benn in ye yeare 1663 and this p^rsent yeare 1664 dureinge his Lorp^s pleasure and whereas ye said Sovereigne hath upon his own Charge made a paire of Stayres to ye said House and adorned it with his Maj^{ties} Armes and caused Seats both necessary and convenient for ye affores^d use of ye s^d Corporacon wee doe therefore according to ye p^rsentment of ye Grand Jury

dated ye 23rd March 1663 & ye Judgem^t of workmen at ye charge w^{ch} ye said Sovereigne hath disbursed for his Maj^{ties} Armes and y^e p^ticulars affores^d y^e s^ume of twenty pounds sixteen shill^l & nine pence str to be forthwith levied upon ye Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of ye s^d Corporacon and paid to ye s^d Sovereigne and that y^e Roofe of ye s^d Court house to be repaired at ye charge of ye said now Sovereigne [chargd] dated ye 30th of June 1664

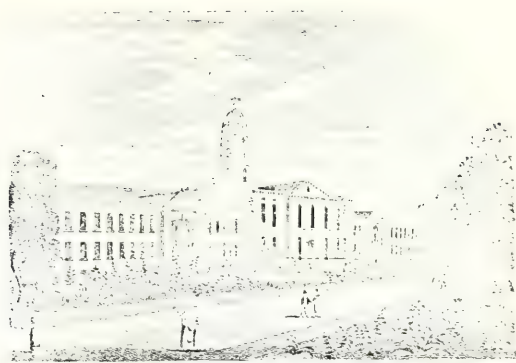
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Rigbee



A By Law for y^e Erecting and keepeng in Repaire
y^e Court or Markett house or Towne Hall

Att an Assembly held the day of 1665, Edward Reynells Esq^r then Sovereigne of the Borrough of Belfast By and with the Consen^t of the R^t Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast and by the Sovereigne and Burgesses of y^e Borrough afforesaid it is ordered and for a By Law for ever to continue In consideration that y^e Inhabitants of Mallon ffall and dunmury and part of the parish of Coole by their representatives the Grand Jury at a Court Leete for the said mannor consente to pay towards the Erecting and building up a Court house and Markett house in this Corporation as by y^e p^resentm^t may appeare the said Inhabitants of Mallon ffall and Dunmurry with part of the parish of Coole haveing allready paid part of there proporcion and paying the Remainder



WHITE LINEN HALL.



THE OLD EXCHANGE
NOW BELFAST BANK

according to y^e Sesse made thereupon That ye Inhabitants of the said Mallon ffall and dunmurry with part of the parish of Coole soe many of them as are within the mannor of Bellfast shall have their owne proper goods brought into the Towne, Tole and Custome free usually paid att ye gates of the said Towne and noe other Provided allwayes that noe person an Inhabitant of any of the places afforesaid by pretence or colour of the liberty afforesaid shall at any time owne any fforiners goods whereby the Custome of the said Towne be Lessened That then any person against whom any such thinge shall be proved before ye Sovereigne of the said Borrough for the time being by the oath of one wittnesse shall loose the benefit of the freedom afforesaid and forfeit ye sume of forty shills ster to be levied upon the goods and chatles of the person offending and to be employed as afforesaid And Provided allwayes that all persons inhabiting of any of the places afforesaid shall yearely and every yeare pay their severall and respective proportions of money towards the repaire of the said [house] Court house and Markett house from time to time as often as the same *shall* be needful and Necessary



Stet

At an Assembly of the Sovereigne and Burgesses held for the Corporacon of Belfast the fourth day of January 1665 Edward Reynell Esq^r the Sovereigne by and with the consent of the Right Hono^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegal Lord of the Castle of Belfast. It is ordered established and enacted that whereas from time to time several sumes of money have heretofore been received by the Sovereignes from free Comoners of this Corporacon and by the late Rebellion and other revolucions hapening for severall yeares last past noe accompt hath bene given of the same And forasmuch as Mr John Rigby George M^cCartney Esq^r and M^r William Waring for and on the behalfe of his father late

deceased are ready to give an Account of w^h. moneys were received in their times. That from henceforth every Sovereigne that shall succeed in the place and office of Sovereigne of the Borrough of Belfast aforesayd shall have full power and authority with the assistance of the major part of the Burgesses (within one month after he shall be sworne Sovereigne) to call the p^{re}ceding Sovereigne to an account of all such sumes of money as were received in his time of and from any freeman or given by any other person to be employed for the good of this Corporacon and how disbursed and disposed to the use aforesayd. And if that any Sovereigne shall happen to dye within the time of his being sworne Sovereigne that then it shall and may be lawfull to and for the succeeding Sovereigne to call and cause the Executors or administrators of the Sovereigne that shall soe happen to dye as aforesayd to give a true and just account of all and every such sume or sumes of money as shall be received or disposed of as aforesayd any act order or by Law of this Corporacon at any time or times heretofore made published or established to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding

Edw Reynell Sovraigne
Sovraigne

John Leathes Tho Walcot George M^cCartney
Jo Leathes George Martin George: M^cCartney
John Rigbee Gill^e Wye



Stet

Att an Assembly of the Sovereigne and Burgesses held for the Corporacon of Belfast the fourth day of January 1665 in the time of Edward Reynell Esq^r then Sovereigne by and with the assent and consent of the Right Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast aforesayd It is hereby ordered and established the dayly

A by law to
be made for
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come within
3 months after
their time is
out or to lose
their freedom

growing charge of the poore and other wayes of disbursing monyes being considered and the great want of a Town Stock to defray any emergent charge and the number of free Comoners dayly encreasing rather to the hurt and detriment of this Corporacon than to the credit or advantage thereof It is ordered by and with the consent aforesayd that the Sovereigne for the time being and every Sovereigne for the time being to come shall not admit any person to be a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesayd without reserving the full moyety of such sume or sumes of money (as shall be agreed upon for the making of any person free) to and for the use of the sayd Towne And that noe freeman hereafter shall be admitted and sworne a free Comoner in noe other place and at noe other time but in open Court three or two at the least of the Burgesses beside the Sovereigne being present Any Act order use custome or By Law of the Corporacon heretofore made used or done to the contrary in anywise notwthstanding.

Edward Reynell Sovraigne
Sovraigne

John Leathes Tho Walcot George M^cCartney
Jo: Leathes George Martin Geo: M^cCartney
John Rigbee Gillⁱ Wye

Att the same Assembly and by and wth the consent of the Right Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall and Lord of the Castle of Belfast It is ordered and enacted and to remaine as a By Law for ever that noe Inholder Aleseller or Victualer wthin the Burrough of Belfast shall not from henceforth suffer any person or persons unlesse lodgers in their houses to drink or play at any Game whatsoever after the houre of Nyne at Night and that every person that shall offend as abovesayd shall pay to the Sovereigne for the time being the summe of Three shillings and four pence ster to be levied by distress or otherwise and every person that shall be found drinking or playing after the time aforesmentioned shall pay to the Sovereigne the sum of One Shilling ster

Edw Reynell Sovraigne

John Leathes Tho Walcot George M^cCartney
Jo: Leithes George Martin Geo: M^cCartney
John Rigbee Gillⁱ Wye

The first day of December in the Yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty and five Att an assembly of the Sovereigne and Major part of the Burgesses of the Borrough of Belfast for the Ellection of Two Burgesses in the vacancy of Mr Thomas Waringe and Capt ffrancis Meeke deceased upon deliberate and mature consideracon ffrancis Thetford and George McCartney Gentle^m free Comoners of the Borrough were Ellected and then sworne ffree Burgesses of the said Corporacon of Belfast in the stead and place of the said Thomas Waringe and ffrancis Meeke as aforesaid Edward Reynalds Gentleman then being Sovereigne of the said Borrough

Edw Reynell Sovereigne

Geo: M'Cartney John Leathes Nethaniel Byrt



Memorandum that William Montgomery came before mee the fifth day of Aprill [and] in the yeare of our Lord 1666 and did declare that one James Akin of the parish of Templepatrick in the County of Antrim did [at March last] ye 30th day of October 1665 engage under his hand and Seale to deliver to Alexander Alen Cuningham of Erwin in the Kingdome of Scotland Merchant Threescore Boles of oate meale wth one peck to the Bole each Bole to be of Belfast measure to be delivered to the said [Alexand] Alen Cuningham or his Assignes at or before ye first day of March thence next following And further that the sayd [Ja] Alexanders Vessell sent to receive the sayd meale hath lyon upon demurrage for want of the meale 28 dayes before the date hereof and much damage the said Alexander hath received over and above the said demurrage the meale being not delivered as aforesayd



MEMORANDUM That at a meeting of the Sovereigne and Burgesses of the Borrough of Belfast the 15th day of October 1666 wth the consent of the Right Hon^{ble} the Earl of Donegall have unanimously agreed (by reason of a proclamacon from the L^d Leuten^{ant} and Councill for the calling in of all charters granted to Cityes and Townes and for the renewing of them) at their owne charges will from time to time advance such sume or sumes of money as shall be required for the renewing of the Charter of this said Borrough And for the present undertaking the sayd worke doe Agree that every Burgesse shall forthwith deposite 1^l ster and that if any Burgesse or *Burgesses* shall at present or for the future refuse to pay such sume or sumes as shall proportionably come to *his or* their share or shares that then [the] every such Burgesse or Burgesses soe refusing wth the consent of the Lord of the Castle and major part of the Burgesses shall be Disfranchised of all his libertyes as a ffree Burgesse of this Corporacon

Donegall

Edw Reynell Sovraigne

John Leathes Gill^t Wye Fra: Thettford George
M'Cartney Geo M'Cartney Jo: Leithes John
Rigbee George Martin

At an assembly of the Sovereigne and Burgesses of the Borrough of Belfast the eighth day of November 1666 it is enacted and ordered by the Sovereigne and Burgesses aforesayd that John Worthington shalbee from henceforth disfranchised of his freedome and priviledges as a free Comoner of this Corporacon by reason of his the sayd Johns concealing the goods of fforainers and aliens not being free contrary to the freemans oath in that case made and provided

Edw Reynell Sovraigne

Geo: M'Cartney George Martin Will: Waring
John Rigbee George M'Cartney



That the 13th of December 1666 John Worthington preferred his peticon to y^e Co^{rs} and upon due consideracon thereof the sayd John was admitted a Free Comoner of the Borough of Belfast being the 8th day of November last past disfranchised of and from his freedome in the Corporacon

Edw Reynell Sovereaign
Sovereaigne

Mich: Harrison John Leathes

Omnibus et singulis Justiciariis et Costodibus pacis ac majoribus Aldermanis Superioribus Ballivis Constabulariis officialiis Ministris ac fidelibus Legeis Domini Regis nunc ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit Robertus Bindlos Baronettus Major Burgi siue ville Lancastrie in Comitatu Lancastrensi Willelmus Townson et Egidius Hoysham generosi Ballivi eiusdem Burgi siue ville salutem in Domino sempiterno Sciatis quod Villa et Burgus Lancastrie predicti est antiquus Burgus et quod omnes Burgenses illius Burgi habent gaudent et fruuntur et a tempore quo memoria hominum in contrarium non existit habuerunt gavis et fructi sunt libertate privilegio et immunitate esse exonerati et quieti de omni Theolonio passagio pontagio stallagio pannagio Tunnagio et Lastagio ac etiam de omnibus aliis exactionibus et demandis quibuscunque pro omnibus rebus et merchandis suis emptis siue venditis per totum regnum Anglie necnon per quascunque portus Maris et Insulas Civitates portus et Villas Hibernie Wallie et Mannie et quod Dominus Jacobus nuper Rex Anglie Scotie francie et Hibernie per Litteras suas patentes sub magno sigillo suo Anglie concessit et confirmavit Burgensibus suis Burgi sui predicti et successoribus suis in perpetuum Libertates privilegia et immunitates predictas secundum tenorem diversarum Chartarum progenitorum et predecessorum dicti Domini Regis et iisdem Burgensibus et predecessoris suis Concessarum a tempore Regni Johannis quondam Regis huius Regni Anglie et per Excellentissimum principem Dominum Nostrum Carolum Secundum Nunc Regem Anglie Scotie francie et Hibernie et iisdem Burgensibus et successoribus suis per Litteras suas patentes tam sub sigillo magno suo Anglie quam sub sigillo Ducatu sui Lancastrie nuper confirmatarum prout in eisdem Litteris patentibus et Chartis penes predictos Burgenses remanentibus plenius continetur—et Apparetur Que quidem premissa non solum vobis tenore presentium Testificamur necnon quod quidem Willelmus Yeates Burgensis est admissus et Juratus et per Spatium Tredecim Annorum iam ultimo elapsorum admissus et iuratus fuit ad Libertates eiusdem Burgi siue ville Lancastrie Videlicet admissus et iuratus fuit ut prefertur in et super nonum diem Octobris Anno Millesimo sexcentesimo quinquagesimo secundo Quapropter nos prefati major et Ballivi specialiter Rogamus quatenus cum dictus Willelmus Yeates aut Servientes sui venerint ad civitates villas portus seu alia loca infra Regnum Anglie seu ad portus et Insulas Hibernie Wallie seu Manne cum bonis rebus seu merchandis suis quod ipsi sint exonerati et quieti de omni Theolonio passagio (Anglice Through Toll) pontagio stallagio pondagio Tunnagio Lastagio et aliis exactionibus et demandis quibuscunque Secundum Concessionem dicti Domini Regis ac progenitorum suorum ut prefertur In cujus rei Testimonium presentibus sigillum Burgi siue Ville predicti apposuimus Quinto die februarii Anno

regni Domini domni nostri Caroli secundi dei Gratia Anglie Scotie francie
et Hibernie Regis fidei Defensoris decimo octavo, Anno Domini 1665

Robt Bindlos, William Townson
Major Lancastrie Gyles Heysham
Ballivi Lancastrenses

This Certificate enrolled y^e 29th January 1667 is according to the original
examined per me

Sam Downes
Towne Clerck

Noverint Vniversi per presentes nos Willelmum Molloy de civitate Dublin
Armigerum et Arthur Ardagh de Civitate Dublin predicta generosum teneri
et firmiter obligari Timotheo Taylor de Grange in Comitatu Antrim
generoso in ducentis libris sterlingorum soluendis eidem Timotheo
Executoribus Administratoribus et assignatis suis ad quamquidem
solucionem bene et fideliter faciendam obligamus nos et utrumque
nostrum per se pro toto et in solido heredes Executores et administratores
nostros firmiter per presentes sigillis nostris sigillatas datos undecimo die
Martii Anno Dom. 1666

The condicion of this obligation that if the above bounden William
Molloy and Arthur Ardagh or either of them their Executor^s Administ^r or
Assignes or the Executo^r Admo^r or Assignes of either of them shall well
and truly content satisfy and pay or cause to be well and truly contented
satisfyed and payd unto the above named Timothy Taylor his Execut^{or}
Administ^r or Assignes the just and full sume of one hundred pounds ster
currant and lawfull mony of and in England at or upon the eleaventh day
of September next ensueing the date hereof that then the above obligation
to be voyde otherwise the same to remaine in full force and vertue in
Law

Signed sealed and
delivered in the
presence of us

W^m Molloy
Arth: Ardagh

Ja Nixon
Nicho. Pudsey
Charles Molloy
Laur. Quicke
Theo. Taylor

Enrolled and examined wth the originall the 15th day of October 1667

per me Sam Downes
Towne Clerck





TT an Assembly of the Sovereigne and major part of the Burgesses of the Borough of Belfast [for] the second day of December 1667 for the election of a Burgesse in the vacancy of John Davis Esq^r deceased upon deliberate and mature consideracon Hugh Eccles one of the Free Comoners of this Borough was elected and then sworne a Free Burgesse of this place in the stead of him the sayd John Davis Esqr deceased as aforesayd Given under our hands the second day of December 1667

Geo M^cCartney Sovereigne

Jo: Leithes Hugh HD Doake John Leathes Will:
Waring Edw: Reynell Tho: Walcot ffr: Thettford
George M^cCartney



21th January 1668

Att an Assembly of the Sovereigne and Burgesses of the Borough of Belfast by and with the consent of the Right Honor^{ble} the Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast It is ordered and established and to remaine as a By Law for ever that noe Inhabitant of the Borough aforesayd *from ye date hereof* shall take to apprentice any boy or Girle but that the Indentures to be made in such cases shall be made by the Towne Clerck of the Corporacon and by noe other person And the names of the Apprentice [to] and Master acordaine shall be by him recorded in a Booke for that purpose wth the time of such apprentice

serving And the sayd Towne Clerck shall not take above the sume of five shillings ster for each payre of Indentures and enrolling them And if any person shall serve an Apprentishipp by any other Indentures made otherwise then above sayd hee shall have noe benefitt but be looked upon as an Alien & forrainer provided that if any person shall bring their Indentures in writing and that they shall be allowed of by the Sovereigne to be [the] in forme then there shall be but one shilling allowed for the enrollm^t to the Town Clerck

Geo: M^cCartney Sovereigne

Gillt: Wye Jo: Leythes George Martin Edw:
Reynell John Leathes George M^cCartney Hugh:
Eccles



The Porters oath as it was administred [on] the
Sixth day of february to some and agreed
to be administered to the rest y^e 11th of this
Instant february 1668

I A: B: Admitted and Allowed of by the Sovereigne and Burgesses of the Burrough of Belfast to act therein in the employm^t of a Porter wthin the Towne and Libertyes aforesayd doe hereby sweare during my employm^t as porter or in anything thereunto belonging from time to time and at all times to receive Coales Salt or any other goods measurable of and from any Shipp Vessell Barque Boate or Gabbart full measure to which my horse or carr may come to receive wthin the Dock or Key or other place of discharge belonging to this Borrough and the same soe received by my selfe or ordered to be received by any person within the Towne and Liberty aforesayd to deliver to noe other person than appointed wthout any embezelling or lessening thereof And that I will not being employed by any merchant or other Inhabitant of this Borrough with its Liberty either by

night or day by deed or word doe or cause to be done any losse damage or p^rjudice See helpe mee God

Wee John Black and Michael Biggar merch^t doe acknowledge Ourselves our Executo^r & Admo^r to be endebted to the Sovereigne & Burgesses of Belfast for the time being Joyntly & severally the sume of forty pounds ster if the sayd John Black Porter shall not observe fullfill and keepe the aforesayd in every clause

Witnessse our hands y^e eleaventh
day of ffebruary 1668

Know all men by these p^rsents that wee Cuthbert Studholme William Hutchinson Joseph Nicholson and Robert Jackson gen^l Administ^r of all and singular the goods Chattles debts and credits w^hsoever wth Richard Scott of the City of Carlile in the County of Cumberland merch^t late deceased dyed seized of have assigned ordained and in our stead and place appointed and by these p^rsents doe assigne ordaine authorise appoint and constitute our trusty friend William Woods of Carlile our true and lawfull attorney for us in our names and to our owne proper use as Administ^r of the sayd goods and chattles to aske demand sue for levy require recover and receive of and from any person or persons w^hsoever wth in the Kingdome of Ireland all and singular such debts goods chattles sume and sumes of money as they or any of them were owing and indebted unto the sayd Richard Scott at the time of his death or w^h then did appertaine or belong to him the sayd Richard Scott giving and hereby granting unto the sayd William Woods our full power and lawfull authority for us in our names and to our use as aforesayd to sue arrest implead condemne and imprison all or any of the debtors aforesayd and at his pleasure the same persons out of prison to deliver or cause to be delivered and upon the receipt of any such debts sume or sumes of money or other goods or chattles as aforesayd to our use to be received of any of the sayd persons Acquittances or other lawfull discharges for us and in our names to make seale and deliver as our act or deedes and Attorney or Attorneys for the purpose aforesayd under him to substitute and appoint and at his pleasure to revoke and all and every other thing or things w^h shall be needfull or necessary to be done in or about the premises the same for us and in our names to doe as fully and effectually as wee ourselves might doe if wee were personally present Ratifying allowing and confirming by these presents w^hsoever our sayd Attorney shall lawfully doe or cause to be done in or about the execucon of the premises In witness whereof wee have hereunto sett our hands and seales the Twenty seaventh day of Aprill in the Twentyeth year of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the Second of England & Anno Dom 1668

Sealed signed and
delivered in y^e
p^rsence of us

William James
fr: Woods
William Jackson

Cuth: Studholme
W^m Hutchinson
Jos: Nicholson
Rob: Jackson

This Letter of attorney Enrolled the Eighth day of June 1668 and is according to the originall Examined by me

8 June 1668

Sam Downes
Towne Clerk

Memorand the Last Will and Testam^t of Richard Scott of Carlile merc^t bears date ye second day of October 1667 by wth Will the said Richard Scott did appoint Mr Thomas Craister Mr Joseph Nicholson Mr Cuthbert Studholme and Mr Robert Jackson Tutors and guardians to his children John Scott Nathaniel Scot Mary Scot Sarah Scot and Elizabeth Scott and to have the whole managem^t of his reall & personall Estate for his children's use making his children joynt Executors wth said Will bearing date as aforesayd was signed and sealed in the p'sence of

Rich: Gilpin. Jos: Jackson
Tho: Stainebanke

Probat of the sayd Will of Richard Scott and Letters of administraction was made and granted the 16th day of January 1667 to Cuthbert Studholme of Carlile merc^t and to William Hutchinson of New Castle upon Tyne merc^t Joseph Nicholson Clerk Rector of Plomblaine and Robert Jackson of ye City of Carlile aforesay^d gent of all the goods and chattles belonging to ye said Richard Scott deceased to and for ye use of his children afore named during their minority All this appeares to be true the copy of the Will Letters of administraction wth the probate under the Seale of office and signed by Phil Broome in the p^rogative Court of Yorke were all examined [by me] the 9th day of June 1668 by mee

Sam Downes Towne Clerk

And this brevitate enrolled at the request of Richard Page & M^r W^m Woods
Sam Downes

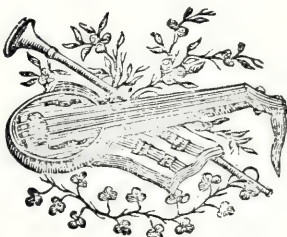


AT an Assembly of the Sovraigne and Burgesses of the Borrough of Belfast [it] held the 9th day of July 1668 It is agreed that the sume of foure pounds ster shall be levvyed by way of Sesse upon this Corporacon for the making of a new plush Cushion for ye Towne Hall

Entred by order

per me

Sam Downes
Towne Clerck





HE foure and twentyeth day of April 1669 Att
an assembly of the major part of the Burgesses
of the Burrogh of Belfast and by the consent
and in the presence of the Right Hono^{ble} Arthur
Earle of Donegall St. Hercules Langford Knight and
Barronett was elected and sworne a free Burgesse of the
Corporacon of Belfast aforesaid in the roome and stead of
Mr John Rigby late deceased

Donegall

Geo M'Cartney Soveraing

HD John Leathes Will Waring Tho Walcot Giltt
Wye George M'Cartney

Know all men by these p'sents that I Petter Cassaing doe hereby
Acknowledge and confess myselfe to have received of and from the hand of
Mr Thomas Owen March^t in goods and moneys to the full valeiu of two
hundred and ninty four pounds six shillings and five pence ster wth is for
the use and accompt of my Master Mr Henry Laue and for his partner
Mr Edward Thompson both merch^t in Burdeaux and that by vertue of my
order by them to have granted as also by their Letter to the foresaid *Mr*
Thomas Owen bearing date the thirtieth day of March last in the yeare of
God 1665 the wth sume I doe hereby acknowledge to have received In
Witness whereof I have heurunto set [to] my hand and scale the 21th day of
June Ano dom 1665

P: Cassaing

my Mr. Henry Lauye X
Mr Thompson

Signed Sealed and
Delivered in the p'sents
of us

Will: Thomb James Monttgomery
Josia Martin not publicus

This acknowledgm^t enrolled the 3rd day of June 1669 and was
examined wth the originall per me

Sam Downes
Towne Clerck

Know all men by these presents that I Petter Cassaigne doe hereby
acknowledge and confess^s my selfe to have received from Mr Thomas
Owen Merch^t in Belfast one Bill of Exchange upon Mr James Cuninghame
March^t in Cadis of the sume of five hundred peices of eight and that
to be payd to my Mr Henry Leuie or to his order wth bill was of the date
of the 9th of June and uppon payment of the sume to him the aforesayd
Henry Laue or his order that then the sayd Henry Laue deductinge out of
the same nine pounds ster and odd moneys wth the Ballance of the Acc^t to

him sent and that the full remainder shall be in his Masters hands and to be paid upon demand to the sayd Thomas Owen March^t or order
Witnesses my hand and seale the 21st of June 1665

Signed Sealed and
delivered in the
p'sence of

Will Thomb
Ja Montgumbrey
Josia Marten

not publicus

P Cassaing
for my Mr Henry Laue

The above acknowledgm^t was enrolled the 3rd day of June 1669 and
was examined with the originall per me

Sam Downes
Towne Clerck



HE six and twentyeth day of August one thousand
six hundred sixty and nyne at an assembly of the
major part of the Burgesses of the Burrough of
Belfast and by the consent of the Right Hon^{ble}
Arthur Earle of Donegall Captaine Robert Leathes one of
the free Comoners of this Burrough was elected and sworne
a free Burgesse of the Corporacon of Belfast aforesayd in
the roome and stead of Mr Hugh Doake late deceased

Geo: M^cCartney Sovraigne

Jo: Leithes Will: Waring Edw Reynell George
M^cCartney Hugh: Eccles Her: Langford John
Leathes Giltt Wye

Att an Assembly of the Sovraigne and Burgesses of
Belfast the sixth day of July 1671 by and with the consent
of the Right Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall Lord of the
Castle of Belfast It is ordered and enacted for a By Law
for ever that noe ffree Burgesse ffree Comoner not residing
within the Towne and Libertyes of the Corporacon shall
have any benefitt or priviledge of the Customes and duties
usually payd for any goods or wares brought in at the gates
of Belfast But shall pay for every horse Loade or carr the
Comon due or to be proceeded ag^t as other Forrainers
unless the sayd persons Free Burgesses and Comoners
aforesayd shall be from time to time [be] assessed wth the
Inhabitants of the Towne and pay proportionably accordinge
to their Trade driven here that then this By Law shall not
extend to them This By Law being groundd upon a

presentm^t made by the Grand Jury the thirteenth of October 1670 rehearsed in the words aforesayd

Will Waring Sovraigne

George Martin John Leithes Edw Reynell Tho
Walcot Fra Thettford George M^cCartney Hugh
Eccles

Att the same Assembly It is ordered by the Sovereigne and Burgesses wth the assent and consent aforesayd that there be made forthwith [made] at the charge of the Corporacon foure Hogsheads of a full Bourdeaux Gage to be lodged in the hands of foure persons by the appointm^t of the Sovereigne for the time being in the most fitt places in the Towne for the good of the Corporacon And all persons selling Turffe to be delivered here in any part of the Towne the party buying requiring the party selling to be tryed by the Towne measure the sayd Buyer shall pay to the Keeper of the Hogshead one penny for every hundred as alsoe foure Barrells to be made as aforesayd Winchester measure for the measuring of Lime to be appointed as aforesayd the Keeper shall have of the Buyer two pence for every score of Barrells or proportionably for a lesser quantity

Will: Waring Sovraigne

George Martin John Leathes Edw Reynell Tho
Walcot fra: Thettford George M^cCartney Hugh:
Eccles





TT an Assembly of the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Burrough of Belfast and by and with the consent and assent of the Right Hono^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall and Lord of the Castle of Belfast the sayd Sovereigne and Burgesses taking into consideration the presentm^t of Three severall Grand Juryes the one bearing date the seaventh day of April in the Yeare of our Lord God 1670 another dated the thirtyeth day of June in the said yeare the last dated the seaven and twentyeth day of April 1671 all urging the necessity of repaying the course of the backwater belonging to the Miln and the same to be brought to the Rampyer nere the north gate and from thence on the backside of the North Streete as low as the house of Henry Thetford in the sayd street and from thence all along to the present Sovereignes new plantacion And the same to be repayed and maintained from time to time at the cost and charges of the Inhabit^{ts} of the said North Streete It is ordered and enacted by and wth the consent aforesayd (finding a great necessity of doeing the sayd worke and the use it may be of in time of necessity and otherwise) that the sayd worke be forthwith repayed and made up by the sayd Inhabitants of the North Streete and for the future to be maintained and kept from time to time at their only costs and charges this to stand and remaine for a By Law for ever This ordered and enacted the eight and twentyeth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred seaventy and one

Will Waring Sovereigne

Jo: Leithes Tho Walcot John Leathes Rob^t Leathes





PROPOSALS for renewing and altering the
 Charter of Belfast by consent of ye R^t Hon^{ble}
 Arthur Earle of Donegall 1671

- 1 That the Charter be Renewed with Augmentacion of Preveliges.
- 2 That y^e stile of Sovereigne and Burgesses Be Mayor and Aldermen with a Comon Councell consisting of 24 Burgesses.
- 3 That y^e R^t Hon^{ble} y^e Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast be preserved in all his priviledges and Libertyes as formerly in ye Charter.
- 4 That y^e By Laws acts and ordinances of the Corporacon with the consent of the Lord of the Castle of Belfast be only made by ye Mayor Aldermen & Comon Councell.
- 5 That y^e Court of Record held for ye Borrough to have power to trye actions [without repetition] of 50^{li} ster.
- 6 That they may have Quarter Sessions or Assemblies with Grand Juryes to inquire into present and correct all misdemeanours & Trespases whatsoever comitted or done in y^e Corporacon and to mend all faults and breaches in Bridges streets lanes & highwayes ffences and watercourses in ye said Borrough by ffine or other punishm^t.
- 7 That [all] the through Tole Customes of the gates and Tongues be continued as formerly

- 8 That ye Precint and Libertyes & *Limitts* of the Borrough and Corporacon of Bellfast *as formerly* extend itselfe three mile distant on every side of the Towne by a straight line with power to sett up markes in every convenient places upon the meares thereof.
- 9 That ye Mayor for y^e time being be Justice of the Peace [at large] for ye County of Antrim & County of Downe
- 10 That all fforraigne Boates Vessell or shipp^s w^{ch} belong not to ye Corporacon be lyable to pay three pence ster per Tunn towards ye repairing ye key or wharfe and clensing the River or dock.
- 11 Whereas the Corporacon of Bellfast have neither lands Tenemt^s hereditam^t Comons, Towne Stocke or pursse to pay or defray any Publique Charge or Contingences of the Corporacon neither is their any maintenance arriseing or growing due out of the Corporacon for ye Magistrate and Officers thereunto belonging that supplication be made to have it granted that all fforan shipp^s and marchants not free in ye Corporacon pay wharfeage and Keage & *Cranage* to ye use of the Corporacon according to ye Rules and methods of other Corporacons & Citytes especialy Drogheda.
- 12 That all ye present members of the Corporacon be continued in their privelydges libertyes and freedoms unlesse such who shall refuse ffreely willingly and readily contribute according to their Estates to ye charge of getting ye new Charter and in order thereunto that a speedy way be laid downe to raise money for defraying the charge of [getting] the said Charter.



ARMS OF DROGHEDA.



ARMS OF GALWAY.



ARMS OF CORK.

By George M'Cartney Esqr Sovereigne
of the Borrough of Belfast

By vertue of ye power given me from ye R^t Honor^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall to execute ye office of water Bayliffe place for ye Creeke or Harbour of ye Borrough of Belfast and to receive all dues duties Customes fees and p'quisitts thereunto belonging and for ye more better Keepeing ye Channell of ye said Harbour with markes or pearches to ye Convenience of all shippes barkes boats Gabbarts and Lighters to transport themselves from ye poole of Garmoyle to ye Towne of Belfast without danger of grounding upon ye bankes of ye said Channell I doe heereby sett and to farme lett unto John Dean of Belfast Mariner for one whole yeare comenceing from ye nine and twentieth day of September instant ye office of water Balife of ye said harbour to execute all & every thinge thereunto belonging especially in setting and keepeing pearches upon ye said River in usuall places thereof and to receive for his service therein only ye fees of Anchoridge accustomed due for ye same in consideracon whereof ye said John Dean shall pay to me or my Ass^t y^e full sume of fforty shills halfe yearly by equall proporcions hereby requireing ye said John Dean from time to time and at all times to give me account of all misdemeanours transactions and accedentes that may happen in ye said office of water Bayliff especially to give me a true account of all Vessells Barks and Boats comeing into ye said harbour with coles salt ffish Corne or other Victualls or any other lading out of w^{ch} any custome doth or may arise to ye s^d office for ye comon use thereof Witness my hand and seale this 9th day of October 1672

George M'Cartney



Y the R^t Honor^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donnegall Visct Chichester of Carrickfargus Governor of the same Barron of Belfast and one of His Maj^{ties} Most Honor^{ble} Privy Councill of Ireland.

Whereas I have given and granted unto Michael Harrison Esqr my Seneschall y^e office of water Baylife for y^e Creeke or Harbour of y^e Borrough of Belfast during my plesure with all y^e fees and perquisitts thereunto belonging Yet nevertheless out of my good will and affection to y^e Sovereigne of y^e said Borrough for his better incouragement in

y^e governm^t of y^e said Towne which generally consists of marchant and maryten affaires I have thought fitt that ye said office of water Baylife should be granted to y^e Sovereigne of y^e Borrough aforesaid for the time being under a yearly acknowledgement rendered to y^e said Michael Harrison Pursuant thereunto y^e Sovereignes of y^e Borrough aforesaid for many yeares last past have and still do execute y^e said office or place of water Bayliffe Now whereas John Dean my Water or Bargeman is employed by George M^cCartney now Sovereigne of y^e Borrough aforesaid in the said office for this two yeares last past receiving only for y^e service y^e fees and perquisitts of ancoridge in consider whereof he paid a yearly rent to y^e said George M^cCartney as appears by agreement und^r their hands between them and for as much as ye said John Dean to my certaine knowledge is the Most fitt able and skillfull person to search out the Chanell from Belfast aforesaid to the pool of Garmoyle the better to all ships Vessels Boats Gabots and Lighters Loaden and unloaden to navigate to and againe in the said channell for y^e good and wellfare of Trade in y^e w^{ch} employment y^e said John Dean hath behaved himselfe honestly skilfully and dilligently as I am credibly informed by y^e said George M^cCartney and others. Therefore I do hereby recomend the said John Dean to the Sovereigne of y^e Borrough aforesaid for the time being and to all others whome it may concerne that the said John Dean may be contained and employed in the said office or place of water Bayliffe as heretofore he hath been during my pleashure with full power to execute all warrants properly belonging and appertaining to the said office he of the same in consideration whereof he is to pay the accustomed rent to the Sovereigne for the time being Provided allways and it is my will and pleasure y^t the said John Dean from time to time and at all times necessary and needfull sett markes and pearches upon the River of Laggan up to Stand Millis as also upon the new Dock or River up to the sluices of Castle Wharfe and for his better encouragem^t and duracon in the employment I this instant of writing together with y^e agreem^t of the sade George M^cCartney made with the sade John Dean as also y^e confession of the said Sovereigne hereunto may be recorded amongst the records of the Borrough of Bellfast Given under my hand and seale at Belfast this eight day of September Anno Dom one thousand six hundred seventy four 1674



TABLE of the office and duty of a Water Bayliff to the lord Admirall with the fees and perquisites belonging to the same established in the 4th yeare of King Edward the sixth by Thomas Lord Seymore then Lord High Admirall of England & Ireland and ever since continued and observed accustomedly in England by the said Water Bayliffes in right of the admirall

- 1 The Water Bayliff is to enquire and find out as much as in him lyeth all such rights and duties as do any wayes belong unto the admirall and seize them unto his uses and to certifie and be accomptable for the same
- 2 The Water bayliff is to search any navigable River Port or Haven within the Admiralls Jurisdiccio[n] where any danger may be and to Beacon buoy or perch the same that no barque ship or vessell sustaine any damage either by rock shelve or quick sand by defect thereof every barque ship or vessell to pay accordingly as they pay in London towards the maintainance of them, Anno 4^o Hen 4^o
- 3 The Water bayliff is to have a speciall regard of the afores^d Rivers or streames that there be no stakes obstacle or impediment either by anchor, timber, weares, stakes, riddle, or such like, which may prejudice or disturb the passage of any boate barque or ship in their way to or from any towne wharfe key or Creaney and to certifie who are offenders in this to be punished according to the statute in that behalf either by imprisonment or fine or both if it be thought fitt, Anno 4^o Hen: 4^o Cap 11^o Anno 12^o Hen: 4^o Cap 7^o
- 4 The Water bayliff upon any difference in contracts for marine Cause for any fact or offence within the admiralls Jurisdiccio[n] comitted is to arest or attatch any merchant Owner of Shipp proprietor or any other p^{er}son or p^{er}sons malefactors or other adherents as well within liberties and franchises as without, taking such fees as in right doth belong to the same, Ex Officio

- 5 The Water bayliffe is to search all passengers suspected to be Jesuit, Seminary Priest, comeing into the Realme, or fugitives out of the Kings Dominions for seditious books, p'dons bulls or such like and for letters of advice to or[for]from any the Kings enemies and to stay all such suspected p'sons until they shall be examined and shall obtain licence for their further passage. Stat:
- 6 The Water bayliffe is to enquire and search what p'son or p'sons do cast out of any Ship Cracer or any other Vessell within any haven or river Creek or Channell flowing or running to any towne Citty or burrough within any of the Kings Dominions any manner of gravell ballast rubbish or any other wreck or filth whereby the River may any way be annoyed or clogged the party so offending shall forfeit for every such offence 5 pounds, the one halfe to the King the other half to him that will sue for the same, Anno 34^o Hen 8^o Cap. 9^o.
- 7 The Water bayliff is to make stay of any that be in office or in the Kings pay or any other p'son of what quality or condicion they be which shall be suspected privily to go about to convey themselves out of the Kings dominions without licence first obtained excepting such p'sons as are limited so to do by the statute and whatsoever Master or owner of ship shall carry any such p'son or p'sons not having licence as afores^d shall forfeit his said shipp barque or vessell, Anno 9^o Ed. 3^o
- 8 The Water bayliff is to search for the good and increase of the Navy of the Kings Dominions that no p'son or p'sons do lade or cause to be laden in any shipp, bottom, or bottoms, whereof any stranger, or strangers borne be proprietor shipp Masters or partners any ware, merchandize, victuall or other things of what kind or nature soever they shall be to any forraigne Kingdome or region or from any port or creek of this Realme to any port or creek of the same Realme upon pain to forfeit all the goods so laden or carried or the value thereof unless they shall obtain a certificate under the seale of the Admirall his deputy or Deputies or from the customer or controulr if neither the Admirall or his deputy be resident at or

in the said port or creek, that there may be not any English shipp or shippes of the Kings leidge people sufficient to transport the said goods wares and merchandize within the port where they are to be shipped Anno 5^o R 2nd Cap 3^o

- 9 The Water bayliff is to enquire and search that no merchandize entring into the Realm or goeing out of the same shall be charged or discharged in a creek, water place, or small arrivall except it be by the coercion of the tempest at sea, but in the great parts and places where the King may be satisfied of his customes upon pain to forfeit to the King all the merchandize so charged or discharged, Anno 4^o Hen. 4 Cap. 20^o
- 10 The Water bayliff is also to enquire and find out what p'sons unlawfully do fish with netts or engines so that thereby the fishes are destroyed and to certifie the same unto the Conservator and also app'hend and attatch all such p'sons that they may receive condigne punishm^t according to the statute in that behalf, Anno 13^o E 1^o Anno 13^o E 3^o
- 11 The Water bayliff is to search and enquire of those that in the entry or mouth of any River or in any port or haven do forestall and engrosse any victuall fewell or other goods before such things shall be brought to the Key or Markett to the detrim^{nt} of the Common people next adjoining, Anno 25^o E. 3^d Cap. 2^d
- 12 The Water bayliff is to find out and app'hend those w^{ch}[ith] in their shippes wittingly receive rebells, fellons, murderers, piratts, banished men, outlaws or their goods and do convey them away privily from being app'hended to answer the laws in that case provided. Communis Lex.
- 13 The Water bayliff is to enquire whether any p'son hath taken in the sea, or within any other place within the admiralls Jurisdiction any whales, sturgeons, porpusses, balens, grasps, or any other great or overgrown fish and hath not satisfied the L^d admirall for the same. per litteras patentes.
- 14 The water Bayliff is to press all manner of shippes barques hoyes or any other vessell for the service of

the King or for carrying any victuall or Munition to any of the Kings Storehouses shippes Castles and fforts and also to press Marriners or seafearing men for the furtherance of the s^d. service and shipp so often as need shall be. *virtute Officii.*

- 15 The Water bayliff is also to forbid all people to build any wharfe, key, or house upon the shore of any of the ports, havens, rivers or creeks within the high water and low water marke without licence first had and obtained of the Lord admirall for the time being his deputy or officers.
- 16 The Water bayliff is to have the custody of the water measure and weights and to [weigh] measure and weigh all and singular goods, & merchandizes w^{ch} are to be weighed or measured within the ship board to be laden, carried, transported, or brought over, that thereby the King be not deceived in his customes nor none of his subjects either in false measure or weights, and also size and seale every water weight & measures, the water bushell to contain ten gallons in measure and to be sealed or marked with the seale of the Admiralty & the weight to contain six[ty] *score* pounds of Averdupoiz beams sealed or marked accordingly Anno 11^o Hen 7^o
- 17 The Water bayliff is also to build and keep a Crane for the lading and unlading merchants goods and also to have a wharf or key to which all merchants goods are to be brought & landed, there to be weighed and measured and to certifie the quantity to the Customers according to the entry and the King not deceived by false and short entrees and to pay the Cranage and wharfage as is accustomed where Cranes and wharves are already builded. *virtute Officii.*
- 18 The Water bayliff is to keep the ferryes for carrying of passengers over any river in the admiralls Jurisdiction or aboard or from any shipp or barque and to suffer none to undertake the ferrying of passengers over any the Kings streams afores^d or aboard or from any shipp only such as shall be licensed by the L^d. Admirall or his officers or shall be free so to do by his service and the oath of allegiance and supremacy to be taken before the officers or masters of Trinity House appointed for that purpose.

- 19 If any merchant or proprietor do sell any barque or shipp to any merchant or other man of a contrary port, the seller shall pay to the Water Bayliff for alienation of the s^d shipp 6^s 8^d toward the maintenance of the Buoy and Beacon of the same Harbour from whence the shipp is carried, Secundum Curie advtus.
- 20 The Water bayliff is also to have of every Boat a fish, as coddling, hake, plaice, mullett, haddock or any other wett or dry fish, one cheif fish, and also for any drying of their s^d fish netts upon the sea, beach, or shore, as is accustomed to be paid where any such fisher netts are usually dried.
- 21 The Water bayliff is to have of every barque shipp or vessell that taketh ballast of sand gravell or stone both within the flowing and reflowing of the sea or salt water upon any of the shores within the admiralls Jurisdiction for castage of every Tunn of the said ballast 3^d sterl, per Litteras patentes
- 22 The Water bayliff is also to forbid all Inhabitants dwelling upon or neare the shore of the ports Havens rivers or creeks beneath the bridges to cast out of their houses, yards, wharves or Keys, any rubbish Soyle seacole dust or morttar whereby the River or any of the afores^d place may be cloyed annoyed or the fishings of the s^d place prejudiced or driven away the parties so offending are to forfeit for every such offence 3^s 4^d and to receive such other punishm^t as shall be thought fitt by the Lord Admirall or by his deputy per litteras patentes et consuetudines et antiquo spectand et p^tinent Coronæ Regis
- 23 The Water bayliff is to have for anchorage of every shipp with two topps 00 : 01 : 00
 Of every Barque or Shipp with one topp 00 : 00 : 06
 Of every small boate that beareth anchor 00 : 00 : 03
 Of every strange bottom double duties
 And which soever of their barques shall cast ancor not having a buoy therto in any of the navigable rivers shall forfeit to the Water Bayliff 00 : 03 : 04
- 24 The Water Bayliff is to have for grounding every anchor 00 : 00 : 06
 and of every stranger 00 : 01 : 00

- 25 The Water bayliff is to have of every barque ship or vessell laden with corn, cole, or salt, one measure wherewith they do usually measure, of the s^d corn, cole, or salt; and every vessell laden with iron, timber, freestone, hard stone, clap boards, dale boards, masts, mill stones or green stone, for ballyage, for every one of these 1^r per litteras patentes et consuetudines &c
- 26 The Water bayliff is to have for beaonage of every shipp that crosseth the sea at her entrance into any port toward the maintenance of such beaon
- 00 : 00 : 09
- And of every barque and boate along
the coast so long as they enter
these ports and take benefitt of
the beaon, but only
- 00 : 00 : 03
- 27 The Water bayliff is to see that the fishermen in the time of herring fishing do keep the orders p^rscribed according to the statute in that behalf, and upon every misdemeano^r as the trespass is so the punishm^t and also that they do not sell their fish at Sea, before they come into the haven and the capell of the ship to be drawn upon land upon paine of forfeiture of all their fishes so taken, and imprisonment at the Kings will and the s^d Water Bayliff is to have of every boate of herrings, fresh or salted for the fishing line one hundred of herring, be they either handled or barrelled.
- 28 The Water bayliff is to p^rsent all such persons as do wrongfully exact and take by colour of their office any manner of Customes or duties not allowable in any of the ports of this Realm upon any manner of goods or merchandize whereby the merchants are constrained to forsake the s^d port to the hindrance of his Ma^{ties} subjects and the Common profit of the Realm



To the Right Wopp^{full} Georg M^cCartney Esq^r
Sovraigne of the Burrough of Bellfast and the
Wopp^{full} Bench his brethern



HE Humble petition of the Tailors ffreemen of y^e s^d Burrough Humbly sheweth that your pett^r being by you^r wo^{pp} favo^r admitted and sworne ffree Commoners; have uppon all occassions given their dutifull obedience in watch warde: assesses; and all other Incombant taxes; Impossed on them, by order as afforesaid and still are Redy uppon all occassions to manifest their compliance as ffarr as their abilities extends unto: now soe it is, that notwithstandinge good & wholesum Lawes were established; by ye Common Councell of ye said Burrough; and confirmed by you^r wo^{pp} consent for the Incurradgm^t of ffreemen Inhabitants of this Towne, yett a nuemorous sort of Idell vagabond Tailors Daily resort hither and Reapes the Benefitt of the said Towne, out of you^r pett^r Mouths not soe much as paieinge one farthing towards ye deffrayinge of any Publique Chardge whereby y^e ffrequent usse off ye same: you^r pett^r with their families wholly, are almost Ruined and undouptly will bee unless relieved

Tho: Lightfoot, James Reed
John hudllston, Francis Cox
John Reynolds William Gibb,
William Crakan, Obadiah
Grove, Jo^s Fisher, Robert
White, John Johnston,
Robert Hunter, Tho
M^cClune, James Alex^r,
Andrew Smith, Jo^s M^cCuden,
Alex^r Latimer, Thomas
Hanna, Edward Marshall,
John Nobell

May it therefor please you^r wo^{pp} to consider the p^rmisses & graunt you^r order that all such loose persons as above-said may bee compelled by you^r authority afforesaid to depart to their severall residentces & straight to leave y^e Towne Otherwaies, that you^r officers uppon notice first given may attach any such person soe found to bring them or anie of them befor you^r wo^{pp} or success^r to pay ye fine and paine Impossed on; him; them or any of them (by the by Lawe) and they as bound shall ever pray &c

Haveing taken due Inspection into ye above Petition wee find ye Request to bee Reasonable, & pursuant to their desire doe hereby require & comand the Sergeants att Mace them and Either of them; uppon notice to them or any of them first given to apprehend any such loose Tailor working in Towne & not being ffree & being soe apprehended to bring before mee or other Sovraigne my success^r from time to time & att all and every time to bee dealt with according to y^e purport of our by Lawe in that case made & Provided: Given under our hands & his Ma^{ties} seall of our said Borrough ye 5th January 1673

William Waring

Georg M'Cartney Sov
Georg M'Cartney



IN the name of God Amen I Arthur Earle of Donnegall being at ye p^rsent in perfect memorie Judgement and understanding tho frail & weake through bodily sickness & distemper accounting it spirituall prudence & Christian wisdom to ease myself of all outward & worldly cares that thereby I may be more free to lay down my earthly tabernacle and render up my soul to God who gave it me do make this my last will and testament

And first I solemnly and sencearely render up my soul to God my most mercifull Father and Creator believing in y^e alone meritts and righteousness of Jesus Christ my most gracious Saviour and Redeemer for everlasting salvation and eternall life and my Body to be decently interred att Carickfergus in ye buriall place of my Ancestors And for my worldly Goods and Estate I doe order & appoint as followeth

And first I doe nominate and appoint my dearly beloved wife Lettitia Countess of Donegall my sole Executrix of this my sole last Will & testament and my Brother in law S^r Michael Hicks Knight, and Arthur Upton Esq^r whome out of y^e speciall confidence I have on them I appoint to be overseers to see all y^e following particulars of this my last Will to be truely timely and punctually p^rformed

- Imprimis** I leave and bequeath to ye Poor of ye parish of Belfast Two hundred pounds to be disposed of in such manner and form as my said Executrix or Overseers shall think fitt
- Item** I leave and bequeath to ye Poor of ye Parish of Carickfergus fifty pounds sterling to be disposed of in manner and form as my said Executrix or overseers shall think fitt.
- Item** I bequeath to my Grand-child Arthur St Leger all my Lands and tenements in ye County of Waterford and one thousand pounds ster: to be paid him wthin one year after my decease.
- Item** I leave and bequeath to my two grand daughters sisters to ye said Arthur St. Leger one thousand pounds ster: a piece to be paid within one year after each of their Marriage respectively
- Item** I leave & bequeath to John Wrey ye son of Christopher Wrey deceased one hundred pounds ster per Ann^m for seaven years comencing ye next quarter after my death
- Item** I leave and bequeath to my severall Nephews Capt John Chichester Quarter Master John Chichester Mr Charles Chichester and Mr Arthur Chichester one hundred pounds ster: yearly to each of them for four years ye first payment to comence within one month after my death
- Item** I leave and bequeath to each of my severall servants that are actually in my service at ye p'sent time and hath served me above one whole full year to each of them respectively one whole years wages or salary over and besides what is realy due to them for their past service and wages and to Ann Ogelby my servant that constantly attended me ten pounds ster: yearly for [her] four years
- Item** I leave and bequeath to Mr Samuell Bryan my household chaplain as a testimony of my sincere love to him fifty pounds ster: over and above his years salary for four years to comence within two months after my death
- Item** I leave and bequeath to Mrs Elizabeth Cornwall Ten pounds ster: a year for four years to comence within a year after my death

- Item I leave and bequeath to Richard Cannon Ten pounds ster: a year for four years to comence within a year after my death
- Item I leave and bequeath unto Arthur Upton of Castle Norton Esq^r fifty pounds ster: a year for four years to comence within a year after my death
- Item I leave and bequeath to my Brother in law S^r Michael Hicks aforesaid one hundred pounds ster: a year for four year to comence within a year after my death.
- Item I leave and bequeath unto Doct^r Hugh Kenedy who hath been Phisitian to my self and family these severall years past fifty pounds ster: a year *for four years* to comence within a year after my death
- Item To Mr Claudius Gilbert Ten pounds ster: yearly for four years to comence within two years after my death
- Item To my Hon^{ble} Father in law S^r William Hicks I leave and bequeath a piece of plate to ye value of forty pounds ster:
- Item I leave to my god sons Arthur Upton and Chichester M^cCartney to each of them ten pounds ster: a piece yearly for four years to comence within two years after my death
- Item I leave and bequeath out of my tenderly and fatherly affection to my dear daughter Ann Chichester as a testimony of my owning her dutyfull beheaviour to my self and Dear Mother over and above what I have given her by deed of settlement ye sume of two thousand pounds ster: to be paid out of the Lands of Ennishowen in ye County of Donegall
- Item Out of a farther testimony of my respect and perticular kindness that I have to my Dear wifes Brother S^r Michael Hicks I will and bequeath to him y^e Castle town & eleaven Quarters of Land of Bart lying in y^e Barrony of Ennishowen in y^e County of Donegall for sixty one years comencing at All Saints last y^e years undetermined in y^e p^sent Lease he hath being included therein And whereas ye said S^r Michael stands obliged by vertue of his said p^sent Lease to pay fifty pounds ster yearly for y^e said lands my will now is and soe I declare and

appoint that he my said Brother in law St Michael Hicks his Ex^{rs} adm^r & assignes pay only ye just sume of twenty pounds ster yearly henceforward out of y^e said lands and premisses aforesaid untill y^e end and expiration of y^e sixty one years aforesaid

Item My will is and so I declare appoint and order that ye severall Legacies aforesaid be truly thankfully timely and punctually paid out of that and those parts of my Estate that is not settled by Deed or Deeds upon my aforesaid dear wife and daughter it being none of my intention to charge any part of my Estate that I have settled upon my said wife & Daughter with any of ye aforesaid Legacies

Lastly I do hereby revoke and disanull all former and other Will or Wills whatsoever provided always that this be not construed or intended to prejudice or invalidate any deed or Deeds formerly made to ye use benefitt or behoofe of my aforesaid dearly beloved wife and Daughter preceding ye date of these p^{rs}ents In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal y^e seventeenth day of March one thousand six hundred seventy & four 1674

Wittness hereunto
David Kenedy
Henry Upton
Geo: M^cCartney

Memorandum before y^e signing & sealing hereof y^e word Chichester was interlined [&] and he willed and bequeathed a years salary to his steward M^r Patrick Mortimer



Burgo de Belfast

18 Oct 1674



HEREAS it is a publique greivance in this Corporation complained of; That those persons, who daily bring turff to y^e Towne of Belfast to bee sold; not only commits a great injury in making their turffe in their size to longe thereby to hinder y^e close packing of them in their sacks or Common measure by w^{ch} they are to bee sold but Likewayes that y^e quantity of each horse Load coms farr short of y^e common hogshead or measure of y^e Corporation to y^e great abuse and p^judice of y^e Inhabitants of y^e same; Therefore to prevent such disorders for y^e future in soe gennerall affaire; At an Assembly held for ye said Burrough y^e 18th day of October 1674 before Hugh Eccles Esq^r Sovraigne of y^e said Burrough Bee it enacted & ordained as a by Lawe for ever by and wth y^e consent of y^e Right Honno^{ble} Arthur Earle of Dunegall L^d of y^e Castle of Belfast, And ye said Sovraigne Burgesses and Comminality, from & after y^e 20th day of October Instant that doo sell or put to sale any Turffe to y^e Inhabitants afores^d; either by y^e horse Load or otherwayes shall cause or make each load to containe one full Hogshead of wine measure according to y^e Ancient Custome of y^e said Corporation, uppon y^e penaltie of forfeiting each Load that shall be wantinge in y^e s^d measure the one halfe to y^e use of y^e Corporation and y^e other halfe to such persons as shall discover y^e same. The lyke abuse is committed in y^e Common saile of Lime, for y^e p^rventing of w^{ch} be it lykewaies enacted by y^e Assembly Afores^d that all Lime sould to y^e Inhabitants afores^d; by y^e Barrell Load or otherwaies doe containe y^e full measure of y^e Bristowe Barrell under y^e pennalty of forfeiting each Barrell or load of Lime that shall bee wanting of y^e measure aforesaid & all forfeitures to bee converted to y^e uses affores^d

Att an Assembly held this 20th day of Jany 1675 before George M^cCartney Esq^r Sovereaine of y^e Burrough of Belfast it is ordered that the p^rsent Sovereaine y^e Sovereaine for y^e time being shall have full power forthwith to call all persons whatsoever in whose hands or Custody any of y^e poores money w^{ch} were left by Will or otherwise to reliefe of y^e poore distressed Inhabitants of this Corporacon that are Fallen into decay and poverty and y^e said p^rsons soe haveing such money to compell them by suite of

Law or otherwise to give a Just & true account of y^e same for
y^e uses afforesaid and for the future to have y^e same moneys
well secured by bonnds with security

Geo: M'Cartney Sovereigne

Mich. Harryson Tho. Walcot George Martin Joh
Leathes George M'Cartney Edw Reynell Gill
Wye Rob^t Leathes



TT an Assembly held this 20th day of January
1675 for ye Corporacon of Belfast before George
M'Cartney Esqr Sovereigne with ye Burgesses
and Comonality of said Burrough Thomas
Knox March^t Foreman of ye Grand Jury ([cum]
sosius) amongst other things considering ye great prejudice
donn to Marchants in there Trade and shipping for want of
a good large kea or wharfe upon ye River and dock of
Belfast did present it as a thinge most necessary for ye
good of Trade and wellfaire of this Corporacon that ye old
kea or wharfe be enlarged and built up upon ye strand on
ye south side of ye river of ye Towne of Belfast & next
adjoininge to ye old kea affores^d or ye new stone houses
of George M'Cartney & Henry Thomson and for ye better
effecting whereof they have desired that supplication be
made to ye R^t Honno^{ble} ye Countis Dowager of Donnegall
& ye Lady Ann Chichester to gaine their consent and supply
towards ye building of ye same as well as that money may
be levied of ye said Corporacon to ffinish ye said worke
Wee therefore considering ye necessity of ye worke and
ye good desire of ye Grand Jury doe this day order that ye
said kea or wharfe shall be made and enlarged from ye said
new stone house to ye lagan River at low water marke as shall
be thought fitt and [in or] pursuant thereto ye Sovereigne for
ye time being shall give order from time to time to applot
and collect from the Inhabitants afforesaid such moneys as
shall be needfull for ye said worke & for ye confirming
hereof this order shall be made into a by Law to remaine

Geo M'Cartney Sovereigne

George M'Cartney Gill^t Wye John Leathes Rob^t
Leathes Mich Harryson George Martin Edw
Reynell

Burrough of } Att a Court of Assembly held the
Belfast } eighteenth [day] day of Aprill In the
yeare of our Lord God 1676 Before the Corporation of the
Burrough afores^d the ffreemen Backers of this Corporation did
[admitt] prefer a petition to the Sovereaine and the Burgisses
his bretherin And upon due consideration had thereof by
the Sovereaine and Burgesses itt is ordered that imeadiatly
from and after this 18th day of Aprill 1676 noe stranger
or Allien that is not free of the burrough afores^d shall put
to saile or sell either in Publique or privatt any bread of
what kinde soever within the Towne of Belfast afores^d with-
out it be upon the Markitt day from Nine a Clock in the
morning to three in the afternoone



HE nineteenth day of October one thousand six
hundred seaventy six being at an Assembly
held for ye Corporacon of Belfast ye Sovereaine
and major parte of y^e Burgesses of ye Borrough
afforesaid James M^cCartney gentleman one of ye
ffree Comoners of this Borrough was elected and sworne a
ffree Burgesse of ye Corporacon of Belfast afforesaid in ye
roome place and stead of William Warring Esq^r late
deceased

Geo M^cCartney Sovereaine

Tho Walcot George Martin John Leathes George
M^cCartney Hugh: Eccles Edw Reynell John
his IL^{mark} Leathes Fr Thettford Rob Leathes

The 14th day of June 1677 being at y^e Assembly held for
y^e Corporacon of Bellfast y^e Sovereaine and major parte of
y^e Burgesses of y^e Borrough affores^d Henry Thettford
gentleman one of y^e free Comoners of this Corporacon was
elected and sworne a free Burgesse of the Corporacon of
Bellfast afforesaid in y^e Roome and place and stead of John
Leathes gentl late deceased

Geo: M^cCartney Sovereaine

Edw Reynell Tho Walcot George M^cCartney
George Martin John Leathes Fr. Thettford
Rob^r Leathes

Burrough of } Att a Court of Assembly held for y^e
 Belfast } Borrough affores^d this 26th of July 1677 by
 y^e Sovereigne and Major pte of y^e Burgesses then
 assembled *it was ordered* that y^e s^ume of six pounds sterl
 be forthwith assessed and applotted upon y^e Inhabitants
 of y^e Towne of Belfast for y^e Furnishing and buying of
 twelve good substantiall halberts for y^e use of y^e said
 Towne y^e better to arme and [their] strengthen the night
 watch of y^e s^d Towne in order to y^e good security and safety
 of y^e said Towne and Inhabitants thereof w^{ch} said twelve
 halberts are to be preserved and made forthcomeing for y^e
 use afforesaid by y^e Sovereigne of y^e said Borrough for y^e
 time being

Geo: M'Cartney Sovereigne

John Leathes Edw^d Reynell Tho Walcot Rob^t
 Leathes Ja: M'Cartney Henry Thettford



Att an Assembly held for the Borrough of Belfast with
 the consent of the Right Honno^{ble} the Countess Dowager of
 Donnegall this twenty fifth day of Aprill one thousand six
 hundred seaventy eight. It is ordered by the Sovereigne
 and Burgesses then and there assembled; That upon
 p'sentment of the Grand Jury then given in, and alsoe from
 complaint of severall of the said Burrough, And the suburbs
 thereto belonginge that the Mastive dogs belonginge to
 Butchers, Tanners, and other the Inhabitants dwelling in

this Corporation and the suburbs and fields thereunto belonginge, have Barbarously ffallen upon horses in carrs, upon the Street, And alsoe horses out of carrs, And have violently Torne and abused them, That some of them have beene in hazard to die, And alsoe ffallen upon severall cattell both upon the Streets and in the ffields, Inso much that severall cattell are mightily abused, and some of them killed to the great losse of many of the poore Inhabitants of this Corporacon. And also that the said Dogs have ffallen upon severall men and boyes upon the Streets and Lanes of this Towne and suburbs thereunto belonginge, and have pult them to the Ground, Torne their cloathes and Torne some of their flesh and eaten the same Insoemuch that many Inhabitants feare their lives to walke the streets or laines either by night or day for the said dogs and Bitches. IT IS THEREFORE Enacted by the consent aforesaid to endure for ever for A By Law of this Corporation That if any Butcher, Tanner, or any person whatsoever Burgess or ffreeman, or any other Inhabitant within the said Corporation, suburbs, or Liberty thereof, shall keep any Mastive Dog or Bitch walkinge in the streets, or in the fields after this day, unlesse they bee Sufficiently muzled and collored soe that they bee fully secured from any danger of doeing harme either to man or beast, every such [such] person Shall for every such offence, of dogg or Bitch wanderinge unmuzled and secured as aforesaid, pay the sune of Forty Shillings sterlinge; To bee Levyed of their goods and chattels by distress or otherwise for the use of the Corporation; Besides their actions at Comon Law which shall and may be comenced against every such offender And for want of money or distresse for sattisfieinge the said Fine, that such persons shall bee comitted to prison by the Sovereigne for the time beinge dureinge pleasure. And Lastly it shall be Lawfull for any person whatsoever findeinge any of the said Dogs or Bitches offeringe or doeing any Injury to kill them notwithstanding of this former Fine

Geo M^cCartney Sovereigne

John Leathes Fr Thettford Hugh Eccles George
M^cCartney Tho Walcot Rob Leathes

At an Assembly houlden for the Borrough aforesaid

The 25th day of July in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred seaventy and eight beinge at the Assembly held for the Corporacon of Belfast The Soveraigne and major parte of the Burgesses of the Borrough aforesaid Lewis Thomson and John Hamilton gentlemen ffree Comoners of this Corporation were ellected and sworne ffree Burgesses of the Corporacon of Belfast aforesaid in the Roome place and stead of Henry Thetford and George Martin gentlemen late deceased

Geo: M^cCartney Soveraigne

Mich Harrysone (John)	Tho Walcot	George
M ^c Cartney	Hugh Eccles	Ja: M ^c Cartney
John	Leathes	Edw Reynell
Fr Thetford	Rob ^t :	Leathes

Borough of Belfast

By George M^cCartney Esq^r
Soveraigne



HEREAS many complaints from time to time have been made of y^e great want of good and wholesome water to supply y^e dayly necessary occations of y^e Inhabitants of this Towne of Belfast for y^e River that runs through y^e said Towne is very much defiled and greatly abused by all manner of sinks falling into y^e said River and other nusances corrupting y^e same whereby ye water is made altogether unfit for ye use of man in meats and drinks And whereas for y^e better supply of y^e said Inhabitants with good and wholesome water y^e springes neere y^e said Towne have ben viewed and an estimate thereof taken by George M^cCartney Burgesse and Capt Rob^t Leathes w^{ch} will cost neere two hundred and fifty pounds ster to bringe y^e said water in pumps or wooden pipes from y^e Upper or Tuck Mill Dame to y^e great bridge of y^e said Towne (contayneing aboute 200 perch in Lenth) a place most convenient to supply y^e whole Towne with water by a Comon Conduit Therefore I doe hereby recomend y^e said worke (soe well designed by y^e said George M^cCartney & Capt Leathes and feisable to be don) to all y^e Inhabitants of y^e Towne of Belfast to give their free will offeringe to defray y^e said charge as verely believing every p^{son} that

has a regard to his owne health will be moste ready and willing to further y^e said worke notwithstanding it may be carryed on by y^e Legislative power of y^e Corporation dated y^e 29th of July 1678

To George M^cCartney
March'

Geo M^cCartney
Soveraigne

Capt Rob^t Leathes Pat^k Hamilton gent Henry Chheads,
W^m Reyney John White, John Stewart James Stewart,
James Buller and Robert Humphreys March^{ts}

These to manage ye Subscription

agreed with y^e workemen the 8th of August
following to w^{ch} agreement Mr Soveraigne
signed



To all Christian people to whom these p'sents shall come I John Biggar of Belfast in ye County of Antrim Marchant send Greeting Whereas I am by Lease bound to p'forme severall rents duties buildings improvem^{ts} and reservations unto y^e Rt Honble Arthur Earle of Donegall Visct Chichester &c on my part as by y^e said Lease dated y^e first day of Aprill in ye Year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty and eight and in ye nineteenth year of ye Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles ye second by ye Grace of God Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland &c appeares, And whereas there is Severall Sumes of money due unto William Biggar in ye said Lease named for arrearres of rent of his part of ye said lands and tenem^{ts} w^{ch} I doe owe and am indebted unto him amounting to ye sume of seaventy pounds ster and unto my well beloved freinds James Gregg of Ballycopland in ye County of Downe and Thomas Biggar of Erwin in ye Kingdome of Scotland the sumes of forty pounds ster w^{ch} I owe and am indebted unto them ye said James Gregg and Thomas Biggar by bonds which Rents duties Covenants Bargains and engagem^{ts} unto ye said Rt Honble Earle of Donegall and sumes of one hundred and tenn pounds to ye above said William Biggar James Gregg and Thomas Biggar I cannot fulfill p'forme satisfie nor make paym^t of as ye said noble Earle and they ye said William Biggar James Gregg and Thomas Biggar desire and doe demand of me by reason of many debts are owing unto me Know yee that I the said John Biggar for and in consideration of ye severall obligations on my part to be p'formed in ye said Lease as may be made appeare; Relacion being had thereunto at more large, and for and in consideration of ye above mentioned sume of one hundred and tenn pounds debts, have given granted and by these presents doe give Grant and make over unto ye said William Biggar James Gregg and Thomas Biggar their heirs execut^{rs} administrato^{rs} & ass^s all and singular my part interest, claime title and right unto ye said Lease and all things therein containyd given and granted by ye Rt Hon^{ble} Earle of Donegall afforesaid unto ye above named William and me y^e said John Biggar (viz^t) one Tenem^t or halfe Burgage share of land scituate and being on ye south side of High Street in Belfast afforesaid containeing in front to high Street forty two foote and six score and six foote backwards on ye east in Scoolhouse Lane together with three acres and a quarter of land in y^e fields be it more or lesse next Gills Land and allsoe ye plott of ground without north gate Street in Belfast afforesaid and next adjoyneing to ye Grass of ye Rampier scituate on ye north side, of ye high way Leading from ye Towne to Pett^t Hill called Goose Lane Contayneing thirty foote in front and extending backwards to a field of ground belonging to me ye said John Biggar all w^{ch} [said] demised premisses with all and singular my part and parcell thereof and of all houses Lands buildings Graftings plantings and improvem^{ts} with every thinge profits and effects whatsoever to me belonging or in anywise appertaining To have and To hould receive take and enjoye the same allwayes without any manner of prejudice of what is Covenanted reserved and excepted in ye said Lease unto ye said Rt Hon^{ble} Earle of Donegall his heirs and [assignes] successors unto ye said William Biggar his heirs Execut^{rs} administrato^{rs} and ass^s and they the said James Gregg and Thomas Biggar their heirs Execut^{rs} administrato^{rs} and ass^s as their and every of their own proper goods Lands and houses and Chatles for ever absolutely without any Reclaime Challenge or Contradiction whatsoever, and I have sett and putt to ye said William Biggar James Gregg and Thomas Biggar in full and peaceable possession of all and every of y^e premisses by ye delivery unto them of a peece of coyned

money comonly called six pence fixed to ye seale heereof In Witness
of ye premisses I ye said John Biggar have heerunto sett my hand and seale
this twenty two day of March in ye year of our Lord God one thousand
six hundred sixty and eight and in ye twentieth year of ye reigne of our
Soveraigne Lord Charles the second by ye Grace of God Kinge of England
Scotland frince and Ireland &c
Signed sealed and delivered
in ye presence of us
John [Jamy] Erwin
George M^cNaght

John Biggar.

Recorded and examined agreeing with ye originall this 11th day of
March 1680 at ye desire of James Biggar Brother and Executor to ye above
said William Biggar late deceased

Rob^t Leathes

Towne Clk

*THE Table of Fees belonging and taken
in the Borrough Court of Bellfast
from the first time of Mr. Henry
Lesquire Soveraigne [and before]
Anno 1635*

To the Judge of the Court.

	li	s	d
For every Judgem ^t und ^r twenty nobles	00	01	00
For every Judgem ^t above twenty nobles for every pound four pence ster.	00	00	04
For allowance of every writt out of the higher Court five groats	00	01	08
For every Bayle	00	00	04
For signing every Warrant	00	00	04

To the Towne Clarke

For entering of every [Bayle] action	00	00	04
For entering of every Bayle	00	00	04
For every Writ of Sumons Attachment Capias or distringas for every Venirefac alias Ad Plures and Writ of execucion for filling every declaracion plea and other pleadings and afidavits &c	00	01	00
for y ^e copy of declaracions pleas and other pleadings whatsoever for every sheete containing 12 lines ...	00	00	04
for every apearance	00	00	04
for every pledge of prosecution where ye plaintiff is not a free- man and an Inhabitant in y ^e Jurisdiction of the Court for every imparlance, continuance warrant of Attorney and Joyencing of issue	00	00	08
for every peremtory day	00	00	04
for entring every verdict.	00	01	00

	li	s	d
for entring every Special verdict.	00	02	00
for entring every Judgem ^t by default confession dismissee Composition or satisfaction	00	01	00
for taxing cost	00	00	04
For entring every Writt out of y ^e Higher Court	00	00	06
For certifieng every Record into the Higher Courts by Writt of Error habeas Corpus or writt of priveledge for every Role	00	06	08
The fees of every person elected sworne and recorded Burgesse twenty shill ^l	01	00	00
The fees of every Freeman recorded Marchant or gentle- man five Shillings ster	00	05	00
The fees of every person sworne freemen and recorded by their handy craft	00	02	06
For every Burgesse tickett und ^r the Seale of y ^e Corporacion tenn Shill	00	10	00
For every March ^t freemans and other freemans Tickett und ^r y ^e Seale	00	05	00
For every writing Certificate Bill of health for Shipping <i>or</i> <i>passé wth</i> may require to have y ^e Seale of the Corporacion affixed to it	00	02	06
fees agreed upon by y^e Sovereigne and Burgesses to be taken by y^e Towne			
Clarke 14 th of Octob ^r 1680			
1680 for entring every Submission or Travers upon a presentm ^t	00	00	06
and for all y ^e rest of the fees upon y ^e Travers as in other actions			
That no Fines be remitted without payeing twelve pence to y ^e Clarke or six pence ster if the fine exceed not two shills and six pence ster	00	01	00
For all Corporacion Warrants for mending of Bridges highways aprisends distresses Sesses or ap- plotm ^{ts} or any other kinde whatsoever and for pannell ^s of Grand Jurys for each two shills and six pence ster to be paid outt of the readiest and sufficient fines —	00	02	06
1680 For entering the presentm ^t of a Grand Jury in a Booke to be paid outt of the fines of the said presentmen ^t five shill ^l	00	05	00
For recording every By Law Act and Ordinance of Corporacon to be ut supra five shill ^l ster	00	05	00
To the Sergeants at mace			
1635 For serving and executing of every Sumons Attachm ^t or distringas	00	00	06
For y ^e Fees of every person that is comitted for want of Bayle or any other causes	00	00	04
for every Bayle	00	00	02
for sumoning every Jury between party and party	00	00	06
for every Judgem ^t	00	00	06
for serving every execution	00	00	08
The fee of every person that is comitted upon an execution for his Irons	00	01	00

		li	s	d
	for every Writt from the higher Court	00	00	04
1635	For sumoning of the Grandury (<i>sic</i>) and Freemen to Attend a Court of Assembly to be paid out of y ^e Fines of the presentm ^t two shills ster	00	02	00
	For y ^e fees of every Burgesse admitted	00	10	00
	for y ^e Fees of every freeman <i>marchant</i> admitted	00	05	00
	for every macanick	00	02	06
	for every oath in Court	00	00	04
	Attorney Fee			
1635	his retaining Fee	00	02	06
	For drawing every Declaracion	00	01	00
	For drawing every plea or other pleading	00	01	00
	his Fee upon the tryall of the cause and on every Judgm ^t	00	02	06



THROUGH Tole and Customes taken at y^e Gates and passages into y^e Towne of Belfast for y^e use of the Sovereigne for y^e time being

	for every horse Load of goods or marchandize being a floriner or any sort of Timber	one halfe peny
	for every wheele car Load of goods afforesaid	one penny
	for every cart Load of goods drawne by more beasts than one for every beast	one halfe peny
	for every Bull or Bullock ox cowe heifer brought into y ^e Towne are driven through y ^e Towne being floraine one halfe peny	one halfe peny
1635	& for horsses and mares driven through one halfe peny	one halfe peny
	Every florainer that slaughters or causes to be slaughtered any catle in y ^e Towne and libertys of the same all y ^e tongues of y ^e said catle to be given to y ^e Sovereigne to whom of ancient right and custome they belonge or to pay fower pence ster for each Tongue at y ^e discretion of y ^e said Sovereigne or ellection	a Tongue or fower pence ster for each at y ^e ellection of y ^e Sovereigne
	Every freeman Butcher in y ^e Towne & Corporacon or other freeman killing or cause to be killed one or more catle for saile or to be sould in y ^e markett the Sovereigne is to have one neat Tongue from every person as afforesaid every weeke soe often as they or any of them shall kill as afforesaid	a Tongue each weeke
	For every standing place or standing sett up in y ^e Markett place or streets in Belfast Towne by any person whatsoever to sell or retayle any goods or marchandize whatsoever shall pay for such place or standing every pedlar or Gray march ^t two pence ster & every other person one penny	Gray Marchants & pedlars 2 ^d & others 1 ^d
Out	of every Sack of Meale sould in y ^e Towne of Belfast by retaile or wholesaile one standard quart dishfull	one quart dish full

Out of every Barrell of Wheat Rye Masslin Barley } one quart
 Pease Beans and Oats &c one quart dishfull } dish full
 affores^d

All vessells or shippes Loaden with coals or part pay
 halfe a barrell of coales to y^e Sargnt^s

Out of every Sack of Turffe to take two turffe for
 Custome

except ye fees established in 1680 not then in being

The afforesaid Table of fees are y^e whole fees taken in y^e Borrough
 Court of Belfast and alsoe all y^e petty customes and through Tole taken at
 y^e gates and Markett of the Towne and Borrough of Belfast a copy whereof
 was sent up to y^e Parliam^t at Dublin y^e 5th of Feby 1665 by Edward Reynell
 then Sovereigne and were approved of and confirmed

Ent^d & exam^d
 per Rob Leathes

Edward Reynell
 Sovereigne



HIS 27th day of August in y^e yeare of our Lord
 God one thousand six hundred [seavant] and
 eighty being at y^e Assembly held for y^e Cor-
 poracon of Belfast the Sovereigne and Major
 parte of y^e Burgesses of y^e Borrough afforesaid
 Capt Edward Harrison a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 was elected and sworne a free Burgesse of the Corporacon
 of Belfast afforesaid in y^e roome place and stead of S^r
 Hercules Langford K^t & Barronett who surrendred [who]
 his Burshipp to y^e Corporacon and desired it to be given
 to y^e said Edward Harrison

Geo M^cCartney Sovereigne

Mich^l Harrison George M^cCartney Fra Thettford
 Lewes Thompson John Hamiltone Tho Walcot
 John Leathes Ja M^cCartney Rob^t Leathes

A Coppy of a Lett^r from my Lady Langford to Capt Harrison as followeth

S^r I am desired by S^r Hercules Langford to acquainte you that he cannot be
 in y^e north as hee intended and writt to yo^r in his last by reason he is so
 disinabelled by sicknesse that he cant travill but he is well content that yo^r have
 his place without his consent but since yo^r desire it and to doe you a kindeesse he
 quitts it to yo^r and wishesses it may doe yo^r much good he has such weaknesse
 in his right hand that he cannot write nor make any use of his hand w^{ch} is y^e
 cause that he doth not write to yo^r himselfe w^{ch} is all at present from yo^r friend &
 humble serv^t

Mary Langford

This 27th day of August in y^e yeare of our Lord God
 one thousand six hundred and eighty being at y^e Assembly
 held for ye Corporacon of Belfast The Sovereigne and

major parte of y^e Burgesses of y^e Borrough afforesaid Thomas Knox Gentleman and a free Comoner of this Corporacon was elected and sworne a free Burgesse of ye Corporacon of Bellfast afforesaid in y^e roome place and stead of Gilbert Wye Gentleman who surrendered his Burgisship as by y^e underwriting.

Geo M'Cartney, Sovereigne

Tho Walcot Mich^l Harrison Fra Thettford Ja
M'Cartney E Harrison Rob^t Leathes

A copy of parte of Lett^r from Coll. Hill to George M'Cartney Esq^r Sovereigne of Bellfast bearing date at London y^e 31 of July 1680 in these words following (Mr Wye offered me to resigne to me his Burgesse sh^r [place] my Lady is willing to have it for M^r Knox & soe am I

John Hill

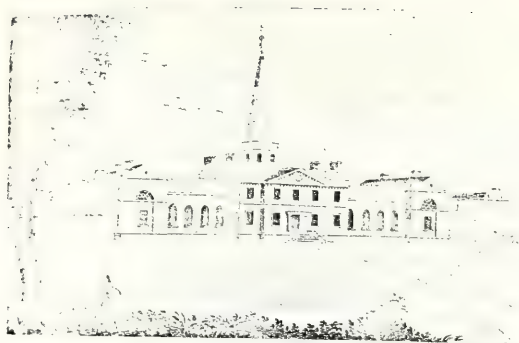
Memorandum the 24th of June 1684. S^r William ffranklin produced to ye Sovereigne and Burgesses assembled at ye house of Mr John Hamilton then Sovereigne a writting und^r y^e hand and seale of Mr. Gilbert Wye one of the Burgesses of this Corporacon wherein he resigned up his Burgesship to ye said Corporacon in whose place Mr Thomas Knox was elected and sworne as afforesaid notwithstanding some of the Burgesses where (*sic*) disatisfied that Mr Wye should have ben putt out of his place without a fault or a resignation appearing *contrary to Charter* but now all are satisfied by y^e said resignation



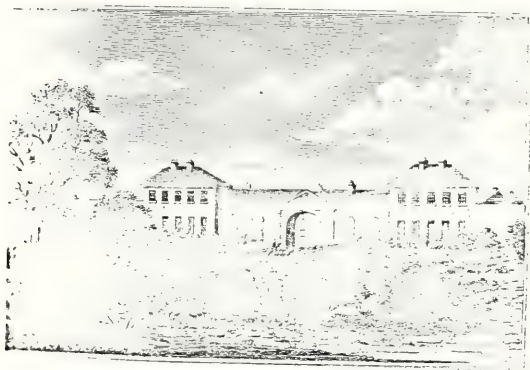


PROPOSALLS made to ye Sovereigne & Burgesses at a Court of Assembly held for ye Borrough of Bellfast ye 14th Octob^r 1680 to be debated and digested into By Laws Acts and Ordinances for ye good of the Corporacon

- 1 That the Poores money be secured on Lands or in good hands and suff^t security to be passed by Indenture from Sovereigne to Sovereigne yearly; and the Table where ye benefacto^r for ye poore are incerted may be fairly drawne over and the Earle of Donegall's name may be entered in Lett^r of Gould with the sume blanke in its collume till ye 200^{li} left by his will be paid for ye use of the said poore and allsoe y^e names of all other persons with their sumes may be enterd that have given that others when they see what is left and soe well secured may be induced to ffollow their good example for ye good of the decayed Inhabitants of this Corporacon.
agreed on & to be don accordingly.
- 2 That all Inmates and Beggars who come into and secretly convey them selves into ye Towne and beggs to relieve beggars may be dilligently sought after and a speedy course taken to discharge ye Towne of such.—Agreed on to be donn
- 3 That y^e Orphant children left on y^e Towne such as are fitt to be bound apprentices may be sett to Masters and y^e Towne eased of the burden—agreed to be donn.
- 4 That *all* the waights and measures used in ye Corporacon be tryed ajusted and sealed by a Court of Clarke of the Markett heire every yeare and the due fees paid for ye same—agreed on
- 5 That Lights in Lanthorns be hunge at every other house doore or window time aboute in ye Dark Nights from ye houres of six to tenn from ye 29th of September to ye 29th of March ffollowing to give lights to ye Streets and Lanes of ye Towne for the benefitt of y^e Inhabitants and passingers and to prevent disorders and mischeife—agreed on



POOR HOUSE.



ARTILLERY BARRACKS.

- 6 That all freemen of this Corporacon be minded of their oath (at Assemblys) not to sue or implead any freeman in any other Courte than the Borrough without Leave first had and obtained in writing und^r ye hand of the Sovereigne
- 7 That a rate be sett upon porters either with carridge of horse or without proportionable to all ye Streets and Lanes of the Towne to where they shall carry any goods and that noe such shall be admitted to ride their horse when in a Carr or Cart in any of the Streets and Lanes afforesaid to prevent disorder and mischeife w^{ch} have thereby usually happened—
agreed to and the rates to be considered
- 8 That a rate be putt upon salters and packers of Beefe und^r a penalty if they doe not salt and packe faithfully and that none salt or pack Beefe for sale but such as shall be allowed and approved of—agreed on & ye persons and number to be considered on
- 9 That all persons presented by ye Grand Jury shall have to ye next Court or that seaven night to submitt or Travis to their p^rsentm^{ts} & to pay not above six pence ster for entring their Travis and if the party submitts or found guilty by a Jury upon his Travis then the fine to be agreed on by the Sovereigne with 3 or more of the Burgesses or the Bench be they more or lesse and such fines levied for ye use of the Corporacon—to be considered on that a right method be taken for doeing of this
- 10 That ye By Law Impowering the Sovereigne of the said Corporacon to have and receive to his use ye ffines may be repealed—agreed on
- 11 That a Treasurer may be appointed to receive the fines and all other moneys of the Corporacon and not to issue the same for any use whatsoever—particular warrant—agreed on
- 12 That all such warrants be signed by the Sovereigne for the time being and three or more of the Burgesses [at ye Least]
- 13 That noe ffine be remitted without twelve pence ster be paid the Clarke for his fees cleereing y^e said fine upon y^e Role, p^rsentm^t or otherwise—agreed on

This 27th of Janry 1680 (1)

This day being a Courte of Assembly held for the Borrough of Belfast it was agreed on by the Sovereigne

and major part of the Burgesses That the Sovereigne for the time being Lewis Thomson John Hamilton and Thomas Knox Burgesses have power to reduce all the above proposalls into a certaine method for rates number and place where such are required and the rest to be drawne up in such order as upon a Generall view and debate of us all or major parte they may be made By Lawes for y^e good of the said Borrough

Signed by order

R L Clk



HEREAS there was a by Law made by Authority of y^e Corporacon y^e 19th day of October 1667 for ye granting all fines upon p^rsentm^t of Grand Jurys and petty Customes not exceeding Tenn Shill st^r to y^e use of y^e Sovereigne for y^e time being towards his house keeping w^{ch} By Law have ben from time to time very much complained of by ye generallity and major parte of this Corporacon as greivous to ye people and a takeing away of ye Revenue of this Towne by w^{ch} they are disinabled to pay Severall Contingent charges of the said Towne and particular that ye Grand Jury for ye Borrough held at a Court of Assembly ye 27th day of Jany 1680 complained of ye said By Law and presented their desires to ye Bench that ye said By Law might be repealed and y^e fines and Customes retourne to ye use of ye said Corporacon and soe managed hereafter that a stock or Towne pursse may effectually be raised for ye Generall Good of ye said Towne Therefore it is hereby ordained and enacted as a By Law for ever By the Sovereigne and Burgesses at ye Court of Assembly held for ye said Borrough the 21st day of Aprill 1681 and by the Authority of ye said Corporacon That ye said By Law shall be and are heereby wholly taken away made voyd and null and fully repealed as if ye same had never ben. Provided allways that it shall be in ye power and major part of y^e Burgesses at any time to allow to y^e Sovereigne for ye time being such sume or sumes of money out of ye said ffinns and petty customes as they ye said Sovereigne and major parte of ye Burgesses shall thinke

fit towards his hospitallity and house keeping dated ye 21st
of April 1681

George M^cCartney Sovereaigne

George M^cCartney Thomas Walcott ffra Thetford
John Leathes Robert Leathes Lewis Thomson
John Hamilton Tho Knox Sampson Theaker
Copia Vera Rob Leathes Town Clk

Ent^d & ex^d

This 24 of June in ye yeare of our Lord God one
thousand six hundred and eighty one being at ye Assembly
held for ye Corporacon of Belfast ye Sovereaigne and
Burgesses of ye Borrough of Belfast Sampson Theaker
Gentleman and free Comoner of this Corporacon was
ellected and sworne a free Burgesse of ye Corporacon of
Belfast aforesaid in ye Roome and place and steed of
Hugh Eccles Gentl late deceased

George M^cCartney Sovereaigne

Geo M^cCartney Tho Walcot John Leathes Rob^t
Leathes Lewes Thompson Tho Knox ffra Thett-
ford Ja M^cCartney John Hamilton L Harrison



Y ffrancis Thetford Esq^r Sovereaigne
and ffree Burgess of y^e Corporacon of
Belfast

An ord^r for y^e Sessing of 135^{li} for watter pipes

Whereas George M^cCartney of Belfast March^t and
Cap^t Rob^t Leathes ye 8th of August 1678 by and with ye
Consent of ye Sovereaigne and Burgesses and major parte
of ye Comonality of this Corporacon did agree with worke-
men for ye conveyeing cleane wholesome water in wooden
pips und^r ground ye lenth of 200 pearches into ye
Towne of Belfast for ye supply and generall good of ye
Inhabitants of ye said Towne according to w^{ch} agreement
ye said worke was made and performed and water brought
to ye said Towne Runing at three severall conduits
standing in ye streets whereof all ye Inhabitants are
partakers of ye benefitt of ye same att ye proper cost and
charges of ye said George M^cCartney to ye vallue of one

hundred seaventy five pounds whereof ye Rt Hon^b Leticia Countis Dowager of Donegall voluntary to incourage soe good a worke has paid and promised to pay y^e sume of forty pounds ster & whereas ye remaining sume [of] being one hundred thirty five pounds ster could not be raised by subscriptions Therefore the severall Grand Juryes of this Corporation vizt at assembly held the 14th of October 1680—20th Aprill 1681—ye 28th July 1681 have p^rsented that ye said George M^cCartney should be reimbursed his costs and charges of ye said worke by assessm^t from the Inhabitants of Bellfast, Pursuant thereunto wee ye Sovereigne and Burgesses this day assembled doe order by vertue of ye power of ye said Corporacon That ye Sovereigne for ye time being issue out warrants from time to time to ye Severall Sessers that were and are now chosen since ye 8th of August 1678 requiring them or any three or more of them equally to applot and Sesse on ye Inhabitants of Bellfast accordinge to their severall Estates and abillities the said sume of one hundred thirty five pounds ster and that ye same may be forthwith liewed (*sic*) and paid to ye said George M^cCartney to reimbursse himselfe ye charges of ye said worke Provided allwayes that all those persons who have freely contributed and paid to ye said worke be allowed the same in their respective Sesses Dated ye 11th of May 1682

ffra: Thetford, Sovereigne

Lewes Thompson Rob^t Leathes Tho: Walcot
Tho: Knox George M^cCartney John Hamilton
John Leathes Fra: Theaker

Borough of Belfast



Y^e ffra Thetford Sovereigne Borough of Bellfast Whereas the Towne of Belfast for many yeares last past has been very defective of good clean and wholesome water to y^e prejudicing y^e health of the Inhabitants which grevance and want was in or about y^e 29th of July 1678 by George M^cCartney Esq^r then Sovereigne of the said Borough und^r his hand recomened to y^e Inhabitants to raise money by a free will offering to defray y^e charge in bringing clean ffresh water to y^e said Towne through pipes two hundred perch as it was

then projected by George M'Cartney March^r & Capt^r Robert Leathes att an estimate charge of two hundred and fifty pounds ster w^{ch} recomendacion was freely imbraced by the said Inhabitants and many of them subscribed to ye said worke and that so good a designe (w^{ch} was liked and much recomended by all sorts of people) should not goe back or want encouragem^t. ye R^t Hono^{ble} Leticia Countis Dowager of Donegall gave forty pounds ster to ye same and thereupon and by a general consent ye said George M'Cartney and Capt Robert Leathes agreed with workemen begun and perfected ye said worke in wooden pipes bound with Iron contayneing in lenth two hundred Irish perch with water house and three conduits (runing) at ye charge of one hundred seaventy five pounds ster w^{ch} was expended and laid out att ye proper cost and charges of ye said George M'Cartney w^{ch} sume is not repaid unto him notwithstanding the said subscription and to remedy ye remissness of the said Inhabitants therein severall Grand Juryes of this Corporation (viz^t) att Assembly held for ye same ye 14th of October 1680 ye 20th of Apl 1681 ye 28th of July 1681 [have] did all of them amongst other things for ye good and benefitt of this Towne p^rsent that one hundred thirty five pounds ster should be raised by way of assessm^t on ye Inhabitants of Bellfast w^{ch} with ye sume of fforty pounds given by ye said Countis of Donegall should be paid into ye hands of ye said George M'Cartney with thanks to reimburse himselfe ye afforesaid charge of one hundred seaventy five pounds conveying ye water in ye Towne of Bellfast and forasmuch as ye money already paid ye said George M'Cartney by moste of the subscribers doe not satisfie ye charge for that there is still due him a considerable sume of money w^{ch} by an order of ye Sovereigne and Burgesses ye 11th of May 1682 was appointed to be raised by way of assessm^t as by ye said order may more at large appeare These are therefore by the authority afforesaid and pursuant to ye severall p^rsentm^{ts} of ye Grand Juryes afforesaid to will and require you uppon sight heereof to meete together in some convenient place and before y^r departure to applott and Sesse upon ye Inhabitants of Bellfast equally accordinge to their severall Estates and abillities ye sume of one hundred thirty five pounds ster. and y^e same fairely drawne und^r y^or hands subscribed retourne to me that a warrant may be issued out for ye collecting and bringing in ye said 135^{li} att or before ye 1st day Sept^r next that the said

George M^cCartney may be thankfully paid and that such p^sons as have already paid by free will offering shall be allowed ye same in their respective Sesses and heereof yo^r are not to faile as yo^r will answer ye contrary and for yo^r soe doeing this shall be yo^r warrant dated y^e 17th of July 1682

ffra Thetford Sovereigne

To Cap^t Rob^t Leathes
Mr Lewis Thomson
Cornett John Hamilton
M^r Tho Knox

Burgesses or any two
or more

Will Lockert March^t
Quarter Mast^r W^m Craford
W^m Reyney March^t
James Stewart March^t
Henry Cheads March^t
John Adam March^t
Andrew Maxwell March^t
Richard Ayshmore
James Gambell

or any three or more
of them



HE six day of September one thousand six hundred eighty two ye Sovereigne and major parte of ye Burgesses assembled together in ye markett or Courthouse for ye chusing and electing a Burgess in ye place of Mr Edward Reynalls who departed this life ye 29th of August last att wth meeting L^d John Tooley was elected and chosen and sworne a free Burgesse of ye Borrough of Belfast in ye roome and place of ye said Mr Edward Reynalls

ffra Thetford Sovereigne

John Leathes Tho Walcot George M^cCartney
Lewis Thompson Tho Knox Fra Theaker

Ad Curiam Publicam tentam Vicesimo die Maii anno Regni Domini nostri Caroli secundi &^o Tricesimo Quinto Annoque Domini Sexcentesimo Octogesimo Tertio Coram Ludovico Thomson Superior villae prd W^rE: armiger Electus et constitutus fuit m— ejusdem Villae ex mutuo assensutotius curiae. In cujus Testimonium Idem Superior presentibus subscripsit et sigillum comune Villae prd apponeficat die et anno Supradic



HE twenty fourth day of March one thousand six hundred eighty six the Sovereigne and major part of the Burgesses assembled together for the chusing and electing a Burgesse in the place of Mr Jno Hamilton who departed this life the twenty instant, at which meeting Mr Willm Crafford merchant was elected and sworne a free Burgesse of the Burrough of Belfast aforesaid in the roome and place of the said Mr Jno Hamilton.

Rob^t Leathes Sovereigne

Will ffranklin John Hill John Leathes Geo
M^cCartney ffra Thetford George M^cCartney Ja
M^cCartney Lewes Thompson Tho Knox Fra
Theaker Joh: Tooley

At an Assembly held 22nd Octob^r 1686 for the Burrough of Belfast certaine rules and orders were established & made for ye preventing unnecessary delays in ye proceedings of the Court of Record held for ye said Burrough



HE plaintiff is to enter his action with ye Towne Clarke or his deputy and take from him an attachment directed to ye serjeants or one of them and signed by ye Sovereigne for the time being to arrest ye body or goods of the defendant to answer his plaint next Court upon executing of wth writt ye defendant may give any substantiell freeman Bayle and no other then such at the will of the Clarke or Serj^t who are to answer such Bayle to ye Court and all such Bayle to be recorded with ye action in ye Court booke

- 2 That after ye attachment is executed if the defendant be in custody for want of Baile and the [deft] plaintiff charge him not with a declaracion next Court he shall be nonsuited and pay costs and if Baile be taken the plaintiff is next Court after such arrest made to file his declaracion and for want thereof a Rule to be entered that the plaintiff declaire ye next Court following or to be nonsuited and if no declaracion be then filed the plaintiff to be nonsuited according to ye Rule & pay costs.
- 3 If the plaintiff file his declaracion according to ye rule then a rule to be entered that ye defendant plead next Court or Judgem^t & for want of wth plea judgem^t to passe by default with costs of Court & soe of other pleadings the above methods to be observed.
- 4 If any freeman sue another fireman then he is to repaire to the Towne Clarke or deputy & enter his action & from him receive a summons to ye defendant to appeare next Court to answer ye plaintif wth if he appeare to the rules to be entered as in the case of attachm^t above is mencioned. if he doe not appeare upon ye Sumons then attachment is to be taken out in manner aforesaid and ye rules and proceedings to be entered in maner and forme as aforesaid
- 5 That noe forraigne plea to be received into ye Court or filed as a record without the oath of the party or his Attorney who tenders the same.
- 6 That demures in inferior Courts and upon smale actions tend more to delay them justice and therefore not to be allowed in the Court without being signed by Councill and if the Court suspect the reality of its being signed while perhaps such Councill lives remote the Demurrer not [being signed] to be accepted unlesse ye party producing the same or his Attorney make oath that it is really signed by such Councill

- 7 That upon every Judgm^t by default confession by verdict or non pross that ye party for whom such judgment passes shall come to ye record and by the Clerk have his [Judgm] execution drawne up and signed by the Sovereigne to leavy the sune awarded by such Judgm^t with ye costs of the party and for want of his body or goods ag^t the Bail or manucaptor if he be defendant or ag^t the pledge if plaintiff. the same to be on one writt for ye more speedy proceeding.
- 8 It is allwayes provided that notwithstanding the afforesaid Rules the Sovereigne hath liberty to continue ye same upon am^davett made or for such other reasons as to him shall appeare: the said Rules being chiefly designed to bound the litigious delays of the Attorneys who are hereby ordered to be concluded by ye said Rules or to be debarred from practice in ye Court or have such other cheques as the Sovereigne judges convenient.
- 9 That upon all fines at Courts of Assembly for non appearance or other fines whatsoever then inflicted if the Court think fitt to mitigate or remitt such fines that notwithstanding the party amerced shall pay twelve pence ster to ye Clerk for clearing the said fine upon ye Record Role according to a former order of the Sovereigne and Burgesses in ye year 1680

By lawes

Borough
Belfast

Att an Assembly held the 4th day of November one thousand six hundred eighty six 1686 with the consent of the Honor^{ble} S^r William ffranklin Lord of the Castle of Belfast it is ordered by Robert Leathes Esqr Sovereigne and the Burgesses then and there assembled. That whereas dayly complaints are made of the inconvenience of the Butchers keeping their meate upon the streets without shambles w^{ch} not only is undecent of itself but much straitens that part of the street which is designed and allotted for publique markett. and whereas for the publique good there is an apartment prepared within the new buildings on ye south side of Castle Streete that all Butchers inhabitants of this said Towne shall repaire to ye said Apartment and furnish themselves with shambles Convenient at or before the 25th day of March next upon pain of forfeiting twelve pence sterl toties quoties found in the streets with stales and that the said stales shall be removed the said fine to be levied by distresse or otherwise by warrant from the Sovereigne for the time being and the same to be employed for ye good and benefitt of this Corporacon

Butchers to
repaire to ye
new
Shambles
12^d fine

a barrell of
Lime to be
32 gallons
Winchester

Att ye same Assembly by the authority afforesaid Ordered that whereas there is great fraud comitted dayly by the selling of Lyme by unjust and undue measures, That from and after the first day of May next every barrell of

Rock or unfallen Lyme brought to be sould or sould within this Corporacon shall containe thirty two gallons Winchester measure upon paine making default of six pence sterl per barrell toties quoties the same to be levied &c ut supra.

Att ye same Assembly by the authority afforesaid Ordered that all horsse Loads of Turfe brought into this Corporacon to be sold shall be of the full measure of one Burdeaux wine hogshead of Seaventy wine gallons upon paine of two pence sterl for every faulty Load and that there be at the publique charge of the Borrough sealed hogsheads prepared for measureing the same and Lodged in some convenient place in ye Towne to be found on all occasions by wth debates of that nature are to be decided to be levied ut supra.

Att the same Assembly the 4th of November 1686 Ordered that to prevent the dangers to which persons walking in the night about their lawfull occasions are incident to, every Inhabitant in every Street and Lane of this Corporation shall from henceforth in every yeare from the 29th of September to ye 25th of March hang out at their respective doores or shops one Lanthorne and candle lighted from ye houre of seaven oClock till ten at night when it is not moon-shine in ye said houres, upon paine of 6^d ster per night toties quoties to be levied &c.

Att ye same Assembly Ordered that whereas it is known that the reputation of the Trade in this Towne abroad is much impaired by the insufficiency of Beeffe barrells for several yeares past every Beeffe Barrell made by any Cooper in Belfast or by him them or any person sold in ye said Towne after ye first day of May shall be made of good well season timber well hooped and stanch and to be of the measure of thirty wine gallons on paine of twelve pence ster for every faulty barrell to be levied &c.

Att the same Assembly ordered that for the better securing the houses of this Corporacon from the casulty of ffire and in imitation of the laudable practice of other Towns and Borroughs every Inhabitant of sixty pounds str free substance shall at or before the first day of May next at his own proper cost furnish one Leathern buckett and the same deliver to ye Sovereigne for the time being to be lodged in some place ready on all exigences and that the Sovereigne at the publique charge do compleat the Ladders w^{ch} now are to be fower in number and provide a cupple of poles with hooks and chaines for pulling downe houses on such occasions the said Bucketts to be delivered to ye Sovereigne

ye Turfe
hogshead
to be 70
gallons
3^d fine

Lantern &
candle light
to be hunge
out 6^d fine

Beeffe barrells
30 wine
gallons
12^d fine

Bucketts
Ladders &
books poles
provided
4^d 6^d fine

for the use afforesaid against the next quarterly Assembly
for this Borrowough on pain of fower shills and six pence ster
forfeiture each person to be levied &c

I consent to these By Lawes
& orders & that they be duly
recorded

Will ffranklin

To all ye anexed orders and By Lawes made the 4th of
Novemb^r 1686 the Sovereigne and Burgesses then as-
sembled doe here subscribe to

Rob^t Leathes Sovereigne

Jo Hill John Leathes Lewis Thomson Geo:
M^cCartney Sa: Theaker George M^cCartney
John Tooley Edward Harrisson Arthur Upton

John Younge Com Serg^t
10 ffeby 86 (7)



ACOBUS Secundus Dei Gratia Angliæ Scotiæ Franciæ et
Hiberniæ Rex fidei defensor &c Vice-comiti Antrim salutem
precipimus tibi quod non omittas propter aliquam libertatem
in Ballivia tua quin eam ingrediaris et per probos et legales
homines de Ballivia tua sciri facias Superiorem liberos
Burgenses et Communes Burgenses de Belfast in comitatu
predicto quod sint coram Barronibus de Scaccario nostro apud le King's
Courts Dublin in quindeno Paschæ proximo futuro ad reddendum nobis
quo Warranto jure sive titulo clamant habere uti & gaudere libertates
privilegia et francisia sequentia videlicet fore de seipsis unum corpus
corporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine per nomen Superioris
liberorum Burgensium et Communii Burgensium de Belfast et per idem
nomen placitare et implacitare respondere et responderi ac habere
potestatem mittendi duos Burgenses ad attendendum parliamentum et
tenere Curiam de Recordo quæ quidem franchisia libertates et privilegia
predicti Superior liberi Burgenses et communitas Burgensium predicti per
spatium vinus anni jam ultimo elapsi et amplius usurpaverunt et adhuc
usurpant in nostri contemptum et regii nostri prerogativi grave dampnum
et prejudicium manifestum prout in quadam informatione versus prefatos
Superiorem liberos Burgenses et communes Burgenses de Belfast in
comitatu predicto exhibituros per attornatum nostrum generalem qui pro
nobis in hac parte sequitur plenius liquet et apparet, et ulterius ad recipi-
endum quid Barrones nostri superinde fieri faciant quod de jure et
secundum leges et consuetudines dicti regni nostri Hiberniæ fuerint
faciendum et habeas ibi tunc nomen et per quos eis jura faciant et hoc breve

Jone Henrico Hene nostro capitali Barroni Scaccarii nostri predicti apud
Le King's Courts predictum xii. die Februarii anno regni nostri tertio

Johannes Nethercott

Barry

deputatus Rememorator Thesaurarii

Copia vera of what by Michael M'Cormick was
given the Soverain the 9th April 1687

Aprile 11th 1687

At an Assembly of the Soveraign and major part
of the Burgesses then had touching the s^d Quo
warranto



ESOLVED

That we the Soveraign and Burgesses
of this Burrough are unanimously agreed to
defend our charter by all legall means what-
soever, and in order thereunto will give our best assistance
with advice and money to retaine Councill, Attorneys,
Solicitors & other Agents for carrying on a Legall Defence
in what Courts soever the said Charter shall hereafter be
legally impeached.

Rob^t Leathes Soveraigne

Tho: Knox Sa: Theaker Joh: Tooley W^m
Crafford Geo M'Cartney Joh Hill Tho Walcot
George M'Cartney Ja: M'Cartney Lewis
Thompson



The seventh day of May one thousand six hundred
eighty seven, the Soveraign and major p^t of the Burgesses
assembled together for the chusing and electing a Burgesse
in the room of L^d John Tooley who departed this life

the sixth instant, at which meeting M^r William Lockhart Merch^t was elected and sworne in the place of said L^d Tooley

Rob^t Leathes Sovereigne

Joh: Hill Sa Theaker W^m Crafford Geo:
M^cCartney John Leathes Tho Walcot ffra:
Thetford George M^cCartney Ja: M^cCartney
Lewis Thompson

At an Assembly of the Sovereigne & Burgesses on
Saturday the 14th of May 1687



RESOLVED

That whereas by M^r Martins letter of the 12th instant (who solicites the affair about the charter) there is hazard of Judgm^t being entered up agst it for not sending up the original pattent to be p^rduced to the Attorney Genrall as a voucher to the plea filed pursuant to a peremptory rule of Court of ye 9th instant It is now resolved that the s^d charter be forthwith sent up to Mr Martin our s^d solicitor by Hugh Crafford an expresse, that Mr Martin may use all possible meanes to p^rvent or retrieve what contempts Judgments or other misavencincies may be placed upon us for the reason aforesaid & it is now accordingly sent up

Rob^t Leathes Sovereigne

The enrolment of the
charter is dated 11th
Jac: primus of Engl^d &
46 of Scotl^d

Geo: M^cCartney
Lewis Thompson
George M^cCartney
Wm Crafford



JAMES the Second by ye Grace of God of England Scotland
france & Ireland King Defend^r of ye faith &c To all to whom
these our Lett^r Pattents shall come Health, Whereas the Town
or Borough of Belfast in ye County of Antrim has been an antient
Borough & ye Sovereign free Burgesses & Cominality of the
Town or Borough aforesaid have had used & enjoyed very many liberties
priviledges and franchises within ye Towne or Borough aforesaid or to have
use and enjoy did pretend & to be one body politick & corporate by ye name of
Sovereign free Burgesses and Comonality of ye Borough afores^d: all w^{ch}
franchises liberties & priviledges into our hands by Judgm^t of our Court of
Excheq^r: of our Kingdom of Ireland were seised YET wee are willing that ye
Town of Belfast in ye County of Antrim afores^d in ye Province of Ulster be &
remain a free Borough & that within ye Borough afores^d from hence for ever
there be had a sure and undoubted custom of for and in keeping of our peace
& ruling & governing of ye same Borough & our people there dwelling and

The Grant

1687

Liberty for
choosing
men for
Parliam^t

others therein accustoming KNOW YEE that wee of our speciall Grace & of our certain Knowledge & meer Motion with ye assent & consent of our well beloved and very faithfull Kinsman & Councell^r Richard Earl of Tyrconnell our Deputy Generall & Generall Governor of our Kingdom of Ireland according to ye tenor & effect of our certain Letters signed with our hand & under our seal bearing date at our Court at Windsor ye twentieth day Septemb^r in ye third year of our Reign & inrolled in ye Roles of ye Chancery of our Kingdom of Ireland for us our heires & Successors have granted appointed ordained & declared that ye said Town of Belfast & all & singular Castles Messuages Tufts & mills houses edifices structures Curtillages gardens waters Rivers Lands & Tenem^t whatsoever with their appurtenances lyinge and being in or within ye same Town or village or p^tints of ye same from henceforth bee & for ever hereafter shall be one entire & free Borough of itself by ye name of ye Borough of Belfast & from henceforth shall be named mentioned and called ye Borough of Belfast & them all in one entire & free Borough of itself by ye name of ye Borough of Belfast wee erect constitute make & ordain by these p^sents And that ye Borough of Belfast & franchises of ye same themselves extend & pretend & may & can be extended & pretended as well in lenth & bredth as circuit & p^tint to ye same & accustomed bounds & metes to w^h & such as ye late Borough of Belfast & ye circuit & p^tint of ye same and ye jurisdiction & liberty thereof at any time heretofore were extended or p^tended or to extend or pretend were accustomed AND further wee will ordain & appoint by these p^sents for us our heires & Successors that w^h in ye Borough afores^d there be one body Corporate & Pollick consisting of one Sovereigne thirty five free Burgesses & Comonality & that all ye Inhabitants within ye said Town Liberty & franchises of ye same from henceforth for ever are & shall be one new Body Corporate & polittick in substance deed & name by ye name of Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough of Belfast and them by ye name of Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of the Borough of Belfast one new Body Corporate & polittick in substance deed & name really & to ye full for us our heires & Successors wee erect make ordain & constitute by these p^sents And that by the same name they have p^petual Succession & that *they* by ye name of Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of the Borough of Belfast are & shall be for ever hereafter persons fitt & capable by ye law to have seek receive & possess ye lands tenem^t Liberties privileges jurisdictions franchises & possess ye w^hsoever of w^h degree nature or form soever they be to themselves & their Successors in free & perpetuity or for term of years & also ye goods & Chattles & all other things of w^h kind nature or form soever they be and also to give grant lett & assign ye lands tenem^t & hereditim^t goods & chattles & to do and execute all other acts & things by ye name afores^d And that by ye name of Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough of Belfast they may & can plead & be impleaded answer and be answered defend and be defended before us our heires & Success^{rs} or elsewhere wheresoever of & in all & all manner of accounts suits pleas compl^t & demands w^hsoever against them or by them in any manner of way to be p^sented or brought & that all ye Inhabitants of ye Town afores^d & who hereafter are admitted into ye Liberties thereof are & shall be ye Comonality of the said Town AND further for us our heires & Success^{rs} wee grant to ye Sovereign free Burgesses and Comonality of ye Borough aforesaid & their Success^{rs} & for us our heirs and Success^{rs} wee do ordain and declare that they ye said Sovereign free Burgesses of the Borough afores^d for ye time being and their Success^{rs} or the major p^t of them for ever have and shall have full power & authority of choosing sending & returning two discreet & fitt men to serve and attend in every Parliam^t in our said Kingdom of Ireland hereafter to be held & that such men so chosen sent and returned have and shall have full power and authority to handle and consult of things and matters w^h to them and others there shall be expounded or declared and thereupon their vote and consents freely to give and to do and execute all other things w^hsoever as fully and freely as any other Burgess of any other Borough in our said Kingdom of Ireland or in our Kingdom of England in Parliam^t there *to* do and execute have been accustomed Wherefore wee will & by these p^sents for us our heires & Success^{rs} wee give &

grant to ye said Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough aforesaid & their Success^r & also wee command & firmly for us our heirs & Success^r command all our Sheriff^s officers and Ministers of our heirs & Success^r w^hsoever w^hin our County of Antrim for ye time being to whom any of our writt or writts of our heirs & Success^r for electing Burgesses in Parliam^t within ye said County of Antrim at any time shall be directed that every such Sheriff officer or Minister to whom any such writt or writts so as afores^d shall be directed shall make his p^rcept to ye Sovereign & free Burgesses of ye said Borough of Belfast for ye time being and to their Successors for electing & returning of those two Burgesses according to ye form and effect of ye said writt or writts and that these our Letters Pattents or Inrol^l of ye same shall be as well to the said Sovereign & free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d for ye time being & to their Success^r as to all & singular our Sheriff^s officers & ministers of our heirs & Success^r w^hsoever a sufficient warrant & discharge in this behalfe WITH that intent that in future time it may appear that this new Incorporacon be now at first composed of honest men for us our heirs & Success^r wee make constitute & name Thomas Pottenger to be Ruling Sovereign of ye said Borough to continue in ye said office untill ye feast of S^t Michael ye Arch Angell next after ye date of these p^rsents and afterwards untill another of ye Burgesses of ye said Borough in ye office of Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d shall be named and sworn except in the interim he be removed whom and every other Sovereign in ye Borough afores^d to be chosen for evil behaviour in his office wee will may be removed by y^r Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d or the greater p^t of them and likewise for us our heirs & Success^r we make constitute and name Neil O'Neil Esq^r: Mark Talbot Esq^r: Daniel O'Neil Esq^r: Charles O'Neil Esq^r: felix O'Neil: Esq^r John O'Neil Esq^r John O'Neil de Balliboran Esq^r: Daniel M^cNaten Esq^r: James Wogan Esq^r: James Neterville Esq^r: John Savage Esq^r: Marten Gernon Esq^r: John M^cNachten Esq^r: Aeneas Moylin Esq^r: George M^cCartney Esq^r: John O'Neil gent^l: *Tont O'Neil gent^l*: Patrick Moylin Physit: Charles Mulhollen Gent^l: Abraham Leegent^l: George M^cCartney Merch^t: Tho: Knox James Shaw William Lockard Will: Dobbin Edward Pottenger Peter Knowles John fletcher John Eccles William Craford Henry Chads Humphrey Dobbin David Smith Hugh Eccles & John Chambers to be prime and first thirty five Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d to continue in their offices of free Burgesses of ye same Borough during their respective naturall lives except in ye interim by Reason of some proviso in these p^rsents they be removed or any of them be removed or except in ye interim for evil behaving of themselves or for any reasonable cause by the Sovereign & free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d for the time being or ye major part of them from their offices afores^d shall be removed or any of them shall be removed of w^h every *one* and every Burgess hereafter in ye Borough afores^d to be chosen for ye like cause from Sovereign & free Burgesses of ye same Borough for ye time being or from ye major part of them we will to be removed AND further wee will that ye said Tho: Pottenger whom by these p^rsents we have made Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d before he exercises his office he came before the last Sovereign of ye Towne afores^d or before any Justice to keep our Peace within ye County of Antrim or before ye Constable of ye Castle of Belfast & shall in due manner take *as well* ye Corporall Oath following (vizt) I do hereby acknowledge profess testifie & declare in my conscience before God & ye world that our Sovereign Lord King James is Lawfull & Rightfull King of this Realme & other his Maj^{ties} dominions & countries & I will bear faith & true allegiance to his Maj^{ties} his heirs & Successors & him & them will defend to the utmost of my power against all conspiracies and attempts w^hsoever w^h shall be made against his or their Crown and Dignity and do my best endeavour to disclose & make known unto his Maj^{ties} his heirs and Success^r or to ye Lord Deputy or other cheife Governor or Gove^r of this Kingdom for ye time being all Treasons & traitorous conspiracies w^h I shall know or hear to be intended ag^t his Maj^{ties} his heirs and Success^r or any of them And I do in this precognition & acknowledgm^t heartily willingly & truly upon ye true faith of a Christian so help me God &c. And I do also declare & believe that it is not Lawfull upon any pretence w^hsoever to take arms ag^t ye King and that I do abhor that treaterous position of taking arms by his authority ag^t his person or

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and those that are Comissionated by him so help me God &c. As his Corporall Oath antiently used to ye office of Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d well and faithfully in all things and by all things to his office belonging to execute to whom respectively for us our heirs & Success^r we give power of administering that oath AND further wee will that ye Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d be annuall & elective & therefore we will & by these p'sents for us our heirs & Success^r we grant to ye said Sovereign free Burgesses & Comynality of ye Borough afores^d & their Success^r that ye said Sovereign & free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d for ye time being for ever yearly on ye feast of ye nativity of S^t John Baptist if it be not ye Lords day then ye next day following may & have have power to gather themselves together in any place convenient within ye Borough afores^d & that ye said Sovereign & free Burgesses so gathered together or ye greater p^{te} of them for ye time being before their departure then and there have power to elect one of ye free Burgesses of y^e Borough afores^d whom they judge most fitt to exercise ye office of Sovereign of ye said Borough for one year from ye feast of St Michael ye Archangel then next following and from thence untill one other of ye free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d to his office shall be in due form elected & sworn & that every Sovereign so elected before he be admitted to execute ye said office or be Sovereign or so accounted he shall take as well his corporall oath antiently used to ye office of Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d well and faithfully in all things and by all things to his office belonging to execute as another oath of fidelity afores^d on ye feast of S^t Michael ye Archangel next after such election before ye p'sent Sovereign of ye Town afores^d then living or before ye Constable of ye said Castle of Belfast or two Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d for ye time being to whom respectively for us our heirs & Success^r wee give full power & authority to administer these oaths AND more over of our like speciall grace & of our certain knowledge & meer motion we will & by these p'sents for us our heirs & Success^r wee grant to ye said Sovereign free Burgesses & Comynality of ye s^d Borough & their success^r that if & as often as it shall happen ye Sovereign of ye s^d Borough of Belfast for ye time being after election & before he shall be sworn or within one year after he shall so as afores^d be elected & sworn to the office of Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d to dye or ye office afores^d by any means w^hsoever be vacant that then & so often ye Sovereign & free Burgesses or free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d as ye case shall happen & their success^r for ye time being or ye greater p^{te} of them may & have power within ten days after such vacancy or death to elect one of discreetest of ye free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d to execute ye office of Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d for ye year following or for ye remainder of his year as ye case shall happen & from thence untill another of ye free Burgesses of ye s^d Borough be in due form elected & sworn to ye office & that every person so as afores^d elected and chosen in ye office of Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d may & can execute that office for ye year following or for ye residue of his year as afores^d and from thence untill another of ye free Burgesses in that office shall be made & sworn so as every one so elected first take his corporall oath antiently used to ye Sovereign of ye said Borough well and faithfully to execute & ye other oath of fidelity afores^d before ye p^{re}cedent Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d then living or before two free Burgesses of ye said Borough for ye time being to whome wee respectively give for us our heirs & Success^r power of administering these oaths and that ye Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d for ye time being when he shall depart from his office be Burgess of ye Borough afores^d during his naturall life except in ye interim he be removed by reason of some proviso in these presents AND further wee will & by these presents for us our heirs & Success^r do grant to ye s^d Sovereign free Burgesses & Comynality of ye Borough afores^d & their Success^r that if any of ye free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d so as afores^d in these presents named or any other or others of ye free Burgesses of ye same Borough hereafter to be elected shall dye or from his office be amoved by reason of any proviso in these presents that then ye Sovereign & ye rest of ye free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d for ye time being or ye greater part of them within ten days next after such free Burgesses death or amoveing may and have power to gather themselves together in any convenient place within ye Borough afores^d & that ye s^d

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Sovereign and free Burgesses so gathered together or ye greater pth of them before they depart one or as many as they shall want of ye s^d number of free Burgesses of ye better and more honest of ye Comonality of ye Borough afores^d into ye place or places of such free Burgess or free Burgesses so dead or from his office or their offices moved to choose may & have power to continue in their offices during their respective naturall lives Except in ye meantime by reason of some proviso in these presents or for evil Govern^{mt} or for evil carrying themselves in that behalfe be moved or any of them be moved & that every new Burgess in these presents named and every person so into ye office of free Burgess of ye Borough afores^d to be elected before his office to execute he be admitted take his corporall oath antiently used ye office of free Burgess of the Borough afores^d well & faithfully to execute & ye other oaths of fidelity afores^d before ye Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d for ye time being to wth Sovereign for ye time being for us our heirs and Success^{rs} we have given and granted power to administer these oaths and so as often as ye case shall so happen

for making
By laws }

AND further of our greater special grace & of our certain knowledge & meer motion & by these presents for us our heirs and Success^{rs} we give & grant to ye s^d Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough of Belfast & their Success^{rs} that they & their Success^{rs} from time to time so oft as to them shall seem expedient they may and have power themselves to gather & assemble in any convenient place within ye Borough afores^d and at their meeting there to make decree or and establish such and such like acts ordinances & Statutes called Bylawes for for (*sic*) ye good & safe government of ye Borough afores^d and the Inhabitants of ye same as to them or ye greater pth of them shall seem necessary & that they have power & authority by fines & pecuniary mulcts to punish chastize and correct all manner of p^{rs}ons delinquent agst such acts ordinances & statutes & ye same fines amerem^{ts} mulcts & pecuniary punishment^{ts} they may & have power to levy & have to ye use & behoofe of ye s^d Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough afores^d & their Success^{rs} without any account thereof or any other thing to be rendered or made to us & our Success^{rs} All & Singular such Laws Acts Statutes & Ordinances so as afores^d to be observed wee will under ye pains therein contained PROVIDED allways that ye said Laws Statutes & Ordinances be not contrary or repugnant to ye Laws Statutes & Ordinances of our Kingdom of Ireland AND moreover of our more ample & speciall grace & of our sure knowledge & meer motion wee will & by these presents for us our heirs & Success^{rs} wee have granted to ye s^d Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough afores^d and their Success^{rs} that they & their Success^{rs} for ever may have & hold & to have & to hold may have power one Court in any convenient & open place within ye Borough afores^d to be held before ye Sovereign of ye s^d Borough for ye time being & ye s^d Court to hold pleas every Thursday from week to week of all & singular Accounts debts Covenants trespasses detinue contracts & demands p^{rs}onall wthsoever not exceeding ye sume of fifty pounds ster happening or arising in or within ye s^d Borough of Belfast or ye Liberties thereof AND that that Court be reputed & taken a Court of Record for ever AND further of our more ample & speciall

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The Sovereign
a Justice of
Peace

grace & of our certain knowledge & meer motion wee will & by these presents for us our heirs & Success^{rs} grant to ye said Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough afores^d and their Success^{rs} for ever that ye Sovereign of ye Borough afores^d for ye time being and his Success^{rs} as soon as he shall have taken ye usual oath well & faithfully to execute ye s^d office of Sovereign & ye other oath of fidelity afores^d in form as above in these p^{rs}ents is specified in very deed be a justice & keeper of our peace of us our heirs & Success^{rs} and also to enquire hear & determine all things [concerning] concerning our peace in or within ye s^d Borough or ye liberties of the same & as soon as ye s^d Sovereign hath taken his corporall oath antiently used of well & faithfully executing = exercising ye office of a justice of ye peace as before before (*sic*) ye Sovereign p^{re}cedent or any justice of ye peace within ye County of Antrim afores^d or before two of ye Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d to whom respectively for us our heirs and Success^{rs} wee give power to administer these oaths AND further wee will & by these presents for us our heirs

and Success" we grant to ye Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of
 ye s^d Borough & their Success" for ever that they may have a merchant
 Hall within ye s^d Borough & comon seale in such form insigned & invayned
 as to them shall seem best to serve for ye business of ye s^d Borough for ever &
 that they may & have power for ever from time to time as often as need shall
 require of themselves to elect constitute & ordain two Sergeants at mases &
 other inferior officers & ministers necessary for ye better governing of ye
 Borough afores^d & ye Inhabitants of ye same & every person so from time to
 time so elected constituted & ordained wee make constitute & ordain for us our
 heirs & Success" to be Sergeants at mases & other inferior officers & ministers
 of ye s^d Borough respectively & in their offices may continue during their good
 behaviour or at ye will & pleasure of ye s^d Sovereign free Burgesses & Comon-
 ality of ye Borough afores^d & that every such Sergeant officer & minister before
 he be admitted to execute his office shall take before ye Sovereign of ye s^d
 Borough for ye time being his usuall Corporall oath for his well & faithfull
 behaving in his s^d office & ye other oaths of fidelity afores^d to whom for us our
 heirs & Success" wee have given power to administer these oaths AND
 furthermore for us our heirs & Success" wee grant that ye Sovereign of ye
 Borough afores^d for ye time being for ever be Clerk of ye Markett within ye
 Borough afores^d & ye liberties of ye same & from time to time may have & will
 have full power & authority to do & execute all & singular things to ye office of
 clerk of ye markett within ye Borough afores^d belonging or appertaining so that
 clerk of ye markett within ye Borough afores^d shall be ye Borough afores^d or
 no clerk of our markett of us our heirs & Success" ye Borough afores^d or
 franchises of ye same shall enter ye office of clerk of ye markett or anything
 to ye s^d office belonging or appertaining there to do or execute nor in any
 office of clerk of ye markett within ye Borough afores^d or ye Liberties
 of ye same touching in anywise himself Lett in WEE will further
 & of our speciall grace & of our certain knowledge & meer motion wee grant to
 ye s^d Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough of Belfast & their
 Success" that hereafter it may be Lawfull & shall be Lawfull for ye Sovereign
 Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough afores^d & their Success" to choose
 establish and have within ye franchise of ye s^d Borough one wharfe or Key in
 any place convenient upon ye Bay or Creek of Belfast afores^d & also that it may
 be lawfull & shall be lawfull to all and singular Merchants as well natives as
 Aliens & all other our subjects & Leige people with what ships or boates soever
 to come & have access to ye s^d wharfe or Key & thereto discharge & unload
 And from thence to carry away & convey all and all manner of merchandize or
 wares without our hindrance of us our heirs & Success" of any of our customers
 searchers or any other our officers of us our heirs or Success" in our port of
 Carrickfergus residing PROVIDED allways that ye said Merchants & ye rest of
 our leige people & subjects pay or cause to be paid to us our heirs & Success" all
 and singular customes as well great as small subsidies of poundage and imposi-
 tions due & payable to us our heirs & Success" for all and singular merchandize
 coming in or carried out as is afores^d. AND further for us our heirs & Success"
 wee will ordain & declare that for ye future in ye Borough afores^d there be one
 skillfull in ye Law who shall be ye Record^r of ye Borough afores^d & also
 another discreet man who shall be clerk or prothonator of ye Court of Record
 afores^d & Comon Clerk of ye Borough afores^d and whensoever ye Sovereign &
 free Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d for ye time being in ye Recordery of ye
 Borough afores^d they constitute or ye greater pth of them for us our heirs &
 Success" wee have assigned and constituted to be our Recorder of ye Borough
 afores^d and also do constitute Ralph Booth Gentl to be the new prothoatary (*sic*)
 & Clerk of ye Court of Record afores^d & Comon Clerk of ye Borough afores^d to
 continue in those offices during his naturall life respectively exercising by
 himself or his deputies except in ye interim by reason of some proviso in these
 p^{ts} sent or for his evil behaviour ye s^d Sovereign and free Burgesses of ye Borough
 afores^d for ye time being or ye greater pth of them they be amoved or any of
 them be amoved every one whereof & every Record^r or clerk for ye future in ye
 Borough afores^d to be chosen for their evil behaviour by ye Sovereign & free
 Burgesses of ye Borough afores^d or ye greater pth of them for ye time being
 wee will to be amoved And further for us our heirs & Success" wee give &
 grant to ye s^d Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borough afores^d

Liberty for a
 Town Hall
 & Seale

Election &
 turning out
 Sergeants

Sovereign
 made Clerk
 of ye
 Markett

For a Wharfe
 or Key

for electing a
 new Clerk in
 case of death
 or Removal

& their Success^r that ye Record^r of ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being or ye said new prothonotary or Comon Clerk of ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being should depart or any of them shall depart or from their respective offices be removed or their offices shall be vacant that then it shall be lawfull for ye Sovereign & free Burgesses of ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being another discreet man skilled in ye Law & another discreet & skillfull man into those offices respectively to name & choose & in them respectively to continue during their naturall lives & to exercise by themselves or their deputies except in the interim for ye causes afores^d they be moved or any of them be moved so as every such Record^r & new Prothonotary & Comon Clerk of ye Borrough afores^d & all other Record^r & Prothonotarys & Comon Clerks of ye Borrough afores^d hereafter to be elected & their deputies before they respectively exercise their respective offices they take their Corporall oaths antiently used well & faithfully to exercise their offices & ye other oath of fidelity afores^d before ye Sovereign of ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being to w. Sovereign for the time being for us our heirs & Success^r wee give power to administer these oaths And further for us our heirs & Success^r wee give & grant to ye s^d Sovereign & free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borrough afores^d & their Success^r that ye Sovereign & free Burgesses of ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being & ye major pte of them have full power & authority to admit men & persons to be freemen of ye Borrough afores^d wth s^d freemen so to be admitted & every of them shall take their corporall oath used for freemen & ye other oath of fidelity afores^d before the Sovereign for ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being to wth Sovereign for the time being for us our heirs and Successors wee give power to administer those oaths.

To make
freemen }

To make a Deputy Sovereign
And that it shall be Lawfull for ye Sovereign of ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being from time to time to make & constitute one of ye free Burgesses of ye s^d Borrough to be deputy Sovereign & that such Deputy may & have power to do & execute all things wth to that office do appertain or belong so as every such Deputy before he exercise ye office of Deputy Sovereign take as well his Corporall oath used well & faithfully in all things ye office Deputy Sovereign of ye s^d Borrough to exercise & ye other oath of fidelity afores^d before ye Sovereign of ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being To whom for us our heirs and Success^r wee give power to administer those oaths

Grant of
Toll and
Customs }

This is to be placed after ye power granted to make freemen
And further for us our heirs and Success^r wee give & grant for ye maintenance & sustenance of ye Borrough afores^d & for mending of ye Street walls gates Bridges & Keys there and of other publike work of ye Borrough afores^d for ye time being to ye Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borrough of Belfast afores^d & their Success^r so many such like & so much ye same & such like Castles messuages houses Tofts gardens Lands & Tenem^t Comon of pasture reversion remainder rent service custome petty duttys murage pavage anchorage gateage wharfeage Tollage powers authorities merchant Key customes exemptions return of writts Jurisdictions franchises Liberties & privileges & other hereditam^t wthsoever & ye goods & chattles so many such like & so much & wth to ye Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Borrough of Belfast at any time before ye Judgm^t afores^d given had occupied used or enjoyed by reason of any Charters Lettes Patents Comissions p^rscriptions Customes or other Lawfull title wthsoever or to have occupied use & enjoy they were lawfully accustomed or any of them have accustomed to bee held from us our heirs & Success^r as of our Castle of Dublin in free & Comon soccage for ye rent & service therefore accustomed Saving always & out of this Charter or grant to us our heirs & Success^r excepted & reserved all title power right rent service custome subsidge poundage excise debt Jurisdiction disposition Liberty privilege & demand wthsoever wth wee before ye Judgm^t afores^d given have had held or occupied in right of our Crown in or wth in the Borrough afores^d & ye franchises & liberties thereof otherwise then by reason of ye discontinuance forfeiture or dissolution of ye liberty and franchises so as before into our hands seized PROVIDED always full power & authority for us our heirs & Success^r wee reserve & give by these p^rsents to our Deputy Gen^l & other Chiefe Govern^r or Govern^r of us our heirs

L^dbertry for
ye L^d
Deputy to
remove
either
Sovereign or
Burgesses

& Success^r of our Kingdome of Ireland for ye time being by order of ye private Councell of us our heirs & Success^r of our Kingdom of Ireland und^r their hands write to the Sovereign or any other or other of ye free Burgesses or other officer of ye Burrough afores^d by these p^rsents named & constituted or hereafter to be elected & constituted at ye will & good pleasure of our Deputy Gen^l or other our Chiefe Govern^r or Govern^r of us our heirs and Success^r of our Kingdom of Ireland for ye time being by any such order of our privy Councell of us our heirs and Success^r of our Kingdom of Ireland to them respectively signified to be removed & removed or declared to be removed and as often as our Deputy Gen^l or other our Chiefe Govern^r or Govern^r of us our heirs and Success^r of our Kingdom of Ireland from time to time by such order of our private Councell of our Kingdom of Ireland shall declare or they shall declare such & such like Sovereign or any other or any other (sic) of ye free Burgesses or other officers of ye town afores^d for ye time so to be removed or be removed that then & from thenceforth every such person or persons so removed or declared to be removed from their respective offices in very deed without any further process is removed & shall be removed & are and shall be removed & the same so often & as often as ye case shall happen anything to ye contrary notwithstanding Saving & out of this Charter or Grant to us our heirs & Success^r excepted & reserved all & all manner of Jurisdiction of our great Admiralty of us our heirs and Success^r and by these p^rsents for us our heirs and Success^r do prohibit every person & persons from ye execution of any Jurisdiction of the Admiralty afores^d by vertue colour or pretence of this present Comission anything to ye contrary thereof notwithstanding AND that these our Letters Patents or ye Inrollm^t of ye same shall be construed interpreted & adjudged to ye best advantage benefit & favour of ye s^d Sovereign free Burgesses & Comonality of ye Burrough afores^d & their Success^r ag^t us our heirs & Success^r as well as in all our Courts of us our heirs & Success^r within our Kingdom of Ireland as anywhere else wheresoever without any confirmation licence or tolleration hereafter to be procured or obtained notwithstanding that our writt of quod Dampn hath not issued to enquire of ye premisses or any inquisition hath not been had of our title to ye premisses before ye making of these our Letters Patents And notwithstanding the Statute of Lands & tenem^t in Mortmaine not put AND notwithstanding ye statute made at Limerick in ye thirty third year of ye Reign of King Henry ye eight for for lands given by ye King and any other statute defect or any other thing cause or matter w^hsoever to ye contrary notwithstanding Saving & reserving to our chiefe Govern^r or Govern^r of us our heirs & Success^r of our Kingdom of Ireland for ye time being power of [approving] approving of every Record^r or Comon Clerk hereafter to be elected within ye Burrough afores^d so that no such Record^r or Comon Clerk exercise his office untill he be approved of by such Govern^r or Govern^r under their hand or hands writing PROVIDED always that these our Letters Patents be Inrolled in ye Roles of our Chancery Court of our Kingdome of Ireland within six months after ye date of these p^rsents In Testimonie whereof these our Letters wee have made patentes WITNESS our L^d Deputy Gen^l Govern^r of Ireland afores^d at Dublin ye sixteenth day of October in ye fourth year of our Reign 1687

Admiralty
excepted
hereafter

this Charter
to be taken
for ye best
advantage
of ye
Corporation

The L^d
Deputy to
approve of
ye Clerk

Domville

Examined by Andrew Bunbury Deput^r Clerk of ye Inrolled in ye
Roles of ye patents of ye Chancery of Ireland ye twenty ninth
day of October in ye fourth year of ye Reign of James ye
Second & examined by Andrew Ram Clerk in ye office of ye
Master of ye Rolls





APPLICATION being made to his Ex^{ty} by the Roman Catholique officers Garrisoned in that town, that there is no convenient or fitt place appointed for their hearing Masse and Divine Service on Sundays and Holy-Days, but an old ruinous house; his Ex^{ty} taking it to consider^d directs me to desire and require you to lett the said officers and Sould^{rs} make use of, either the Town house or School house or some other decent & fitt place for the said divine service, as in all other Corpora^{ms} of the Kingdom the Magistrats do freely allow, and is expected you will likewise do, and not doubting of yo^r compliance herein,

I am

Yo^r humble Ser^{vt}

Pat^r Clogher—Secretary

Chappel Izod ye 7th 7^b: 1688.

To the Mayor Sherriffs Aldermen & Burgesses of the Town of Belfast.

Copia Vera



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Belfast 7^b: 12. 1688

I have comunicated yo^r of the 7th inst to my brethern the Burgesses of this Corporacon, we have considered of the Contents thereof, and are heartily sorry that his Ex^{ty} should happen to desire of us what is not in our power to grant. As for the Schoolhouse it being of the foundation and free gift of the Lorde Donegall deceased and now repaired and supported by his heirs, 'twere presumption in us to dispose of what we have only a comon interest with all others His Ma^{ties} Subjects. And for the town house it being the onely place purchased and sett apart by the Lord and Inhabitants of the Manor & Corporaⁿ of Belfast, for keeping Courts, holding of Sessions, and frequent meetings of the Sovereign and Burgesses for regulating and dispatching the affairs of the Corporacon, we canot (wthout great injury to the Town, and depriving ourselves of those conveniencies necessity forced us to provide for) comply wth what His Ex^{ty} desires of us. We doubt not but the officers and Souldiers you speak of,

may if they please meet wth a conveniency in town, but the poverty of our Corporacon & uncertainty of its continuance is such, no revenue Lands tenements nor salary belonging to it, it seems a little hard to expect that the charge of such provision should be laid wholly on y^r Sovereign and Burgesses especially now enjoying the liberties of our charter only ex gratia. Since our circumstances are such, we hope S^r you will become our advocat to his Ex^{ty} to assure him what is really true that our noncompliance proceeds not from any peevish perverse humour but only want of ability and opportunity to gratify his Expectations whose demands shall always be observed to the utmost of our power.


I am

S^r Yo^r most humble Servant
Rob^t Leathes

To the B^{ish}p of Clogher.

The twenty fifth day of february one thousand six hundred eighty nine (styl'angl') the Sovereigne & Burgesses then assembled for chusing and electing a Burgesse in the room & place of Mr Thomas Walcoat who died the twentieth of february instant did choose & unanimously elect James Buller taner in the room of the said Mr Walcoat who was accordingly sworne to the office of Burgesse.

Rob^t Leathes Sovereigne

 *Y Frederick Duke of Schonberg
Generall of all their Majesties Forces
&c A Proclamation*

WHEREAS wee are fully satisfied that there has been great Invasion made upon the propriety of the Protestant subjects and Antient Charters of the respective Corporation in this kingdom and that severall Protestant Justices of the Peace have ben removed from their Places of Trust, whereby great disorders such as Burglaries, Robberies, Fellowies, and other out Rages have been committed in this kingdome And wee, being desirous to redress the said grievances do hereby think fitt to Publish and declare, that the said Protestant subjects be and hereby are restored to their former proprieties and the respective Corporacions to their

Antient Charters, and the severall protestant Justices of the peace to their respective Trusts, hereby Impowering them to doe and execute all and every act matter and thing as they might or could *doe* by vertue of their respective Charters or any Commission of the peace formerly granted dureing their Majesties pleasure, the said Justices of the Peace in their respective Stations are hereby required to take care that no Land Lord exact on any Tenant not being able to pay his rent presently or on demand they takeing it into their Consideration that it is a yeare of Warrs and devastation but that when the Lawes is open to take their Course by the Law Given at our Headquarters at Dundalk the 14th of September 1689 In the first yeare of their Majesties Reigne

Schonberg



ARMS OF DUNDALK.



IN the twenty sixth day of May one thousand six hundred and ninety the Sovereigne and Burgesses then assembled for chuseing a free Burgesse in place of Mr Francis Thetford Burgesse who departed the twenty third of this instant May did elect and unanimously choose Mr David Smith Merch^t to be a free Burgesse in the room of the said Mr Thetford who was accordingly sworn to the said office

Rob^t Leathes Sovereigne

Int^d per Tho Craford
d. clerc vill

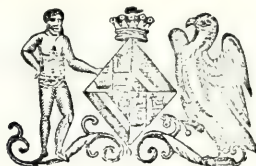
8th 1^{mo} 1690

Then delivered to M^r W^m Lockart Sovereigne for the year next ensuing these things belonging to the Towne, that is, a Copy of the Charter, the parchment Schedule of By Laws, one Bond wth warrant of Attorney rent charge and counterpart of a defeasance for 300^{li} st^r of the poors money due by the Lady Marchionesse of Antrim a bond of ten pounds of the poors money due by M^r Sampson Theaker, a bond of ten pounds of the poors money due by M^r Lewis Thompson a tin qⁿ standard pint standard half pint & knogin, a brasse fourteen pound wth a seven and weight a four pnd a two pnd a pnd half pnd quarter two ounces & ounce:

the brasse quart standard Jno Griffen the Sergeant hath; & the brasse standard gallon W^m Ratcliffe the water bailiffe hath. also delivered then the Town seall. the originall Charter Capt M^cCartney hath.

The above particulars mencioned to be delivered to me, I have rec^d

William Lockhart



ON the seventh day of March one thous^d six hundred ninety one the Sovereign and Burgesses then assembled for chuseing a free Burgesse in place of Mr Sampson Theaker who departed

they did elect & unanimously choose the Rt Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegal in room of the said Mr Theaker

Ja: M^cCartney Sovereign

Rob Leathes Lewis Thompson Tho: Knox
Wm: Crafford William Lockhart James Buller
Arthur M^cCartney L: Harrison

On the first day of June one thousand six hundred ninety one the Sovereigne and Burgesses then assembled for chuseing a free Burgesse in place of George M^cCartney Esqre Burgesse who departed the twenty third of May last, they did elect & unanimously choose Mr Arthur M^cCartney M^r son of the said Geo M^cCartney to be a free Burgesse in the room of his said father, who was accordingly sworne to the said office.

William Lockhart Sovereigne

Rob^t Leathes Ja: M^cCartney Sa: Theaker Wm:
Crafford David Smith

Memorandum that by the unanimous Consent of the Sovereigne & Burgesses of this Burrough Francis Cordner formerly established Sergeant at Mace in room of Tho: Whitlock (and who had been sworne to the office) was confirmed in the said employ; and this day John Beck was placed Serg^t

(and duly sworn) in the room and place of John Clugston serg^t who was from the office amoved for his unfittnesse to serve the Corporacⁿ in that capacity.

Dated Sept^r 26th 1692

Signed by ord^r

Tho: Craford d. cl vill

On the eighth day of April one thousand six hundred ninety three the Sovereigne and Burgesses then assembled to choose a free Burgesse in the room of Ensign John Leathes Burgesse deceased (who was buried at Whitehaven on the 3rd instant as by his wifes letter to M^{rs} M^cCartney appeers the copy whereof is underwritten) did unanimously elect Jno Chalmers Mercht a free Burgesse in room of the said Ensign Leathes

W^m Crafford Sovereigne

Lewes Thompson William Lockhart James Buller
David Smith

Whitehaven April 5th 1693

Mrs M^cCartney

These is to desire you in your husbands absence, to buy me five dozen of clift boards and send them by the bearer John Hodgson; and I shall satisfy you at our meeting, wth I intend very speedily if the Lord permitt. My dear husband hath finished his course and I hope has entred in to eternal joy, he was inter'd the 3^d of this instant, so I take leave humbly begging that the Lord will fit us all for our change, wth is all from yo^r real friend

Jane Leathes

It would do us a great
kindnesse for here we shall
want to clear us, & and it would
be better yn Irish money
To Mr Geo M^cCartney
Mrt Belfast

Copia vera per
Tho Craford
d. cler vill

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Ratcliffe cloathier have remised released and for ever quit claimed, and by these presents do remise release and for ever quit claime unto my brother Richard Ratcliffe of Belfast cloathier his heirs Exo^rs and admo^rs all and all maner of acion and acions sutes bills bonds writings obligatory debts dues duties accompts sum & sums of money Judg^{ts} executions Extents quarrels controversies trespasses damages and demands whatsoever both in Law and Equity or otherwise howsoever wth against the said Rich^d Ratcliffe I ever had & which I my heirs Ex^rs & adm^rs shall or may have claime challenge or demand for or by reason or meanes of any matter cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world unto the day of the date of these presents. In witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal the eighteenth day of december one thous^d six hund ninety three. at perfecting this Release my bro Rich^d paid me six pounds ster

Signed sealed & d^d
in the presence of us

francis Ratcliffe



Wm Crafford Sovereigne Rob^t Leathes Lewes Thompson
Tho: Craford d. cl vill



At an Assembly held the sixth day of Sept^r 1694 at the Tholsell of Belfast in and for the Burrough Town and Corporacon of Belfast Wilm Crafford Esq^r being Sovereign. Forasmuch as it is found by comon experience that many persons who have not been bred merchants within the Town nor elsewhere, have of late for their private lucre and gaine used to buy great quantities of butter hides and tallow as ye same was coming to the said Towne of Belfast, to be sold, and have ingrossed the same into their hands wth designe to sell it dearer to the Merchant adventurers Exporters and traders inhabiting the said Town of Belfast, than he who brought the same to be sold: For the remedy whereof and for p^rventing the great abuses and sinister practices comitted and done in buying and selling as aforesaid, It is Ordered and declared by the Sovereigne and Burgesses and free Comonalty of this Corporacon and by authority of the same, by and wth the consent of the Right Honble the Earle and Countesse of Longford Lords of the Castle of Belfast that the market for the sale and purchase of butter *hydes & tallow* wthin the Towne and Borrough of Belfast is & hereafter shall be wthin Castle Street or some part thereof between the uper Castle gate and Church Lane & Skiper Lane on either side of the River & in Bridg Street between the [upper Castle gate and Church Lane] Bridg called the Stone bridge and the corners turning down to broad street and Rosemary Lane and that hereafter no butter hydes nor tallow coming to the Town of Belfast to be sold shall be bought or caused to be bought or sold directly or indirectly by any person whatsoever before the said butter hides and tallow shall be brought or come within the streets aforesaid limited and appointed for the market and sale thereof under the penalty of being by law prosecuted as unlawfull ingrossers and forestallers of the m^{ch}

Wm Crafford Sovereigne

William Lockhart L Harrison David Smith
 Tho: Knox Jno Challmers George M^cCartney
 Rob^t Leathes Lewes Thompson James Buller
 Will Arthur cum Sociis Tho Craford d. cl vill

PUBLIQUE ORDERS.

Ordered, to prevent the undue throwing out of Ballast into the Lough & chanell, that the masters of all ships & vessells shall from time to time and at all times hereafter bring up all their ballast whether stone or gravel in Lighters, and the same putt out at such place on the Key as the water Bailiff shall appoint, the same to be disposed of for the public use of the Corporacon, and no person to take the same for his private use of which all persons are to take notice as they will answer the contrary at their perills

Dated 8th 19th 1694

Edw^d Harrison Sovereigne

By the Sovereign of Belfast

Pursuant to an order of Court upon P^resentment of the Grand Jury for regulating the abuses in keeping watch in this Burrough you are req^d duly to summon by turns the persons whose names are hereunto annexed to serve as Captains of the watch with the number of twelve substantial men every night; and such Captains you are to summon to be wth me every night before setting the watch to receive the word and orders, & let them know that they are to continue from nine a clock at night to six in the morning and to go the grand round at twelve a clock at night, and that you yourself see due care taken that the Top Tee & Trevally be beaten every morning and evening. Hereof fail not at yo^r perills and this is yo^r warrant.

Given und^r my hand and seal 8th 20 1694

Edw^d Harrison Sovraigne

*A COPPY of the Charter of Belfast granted
the 11 year of King James the first 27th
April 1613*



JAMES by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith &c To all to whome these presents shall come greeting Know yee that wee as well at the humble petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Belfast in our County of Antrim within our province of Ulster in our Kingdome of Ireland as also for the Inhabiting and planting of those Northern parts in the same our Kingdome depopulated and wasted according to the established form of the Common wealth in our Kingdome of England excellently settled And for the more better proceeding and perfection of that new plantation of late there happily begun of our especiall grace and of our certain knowledge and our meer motion by the consent of our well beloved and faithfull Councillor Arthur Lord Chichester of Belfast our deputy Generall of our said Kingdome of Ireland And also according to the intent and effect of our Letters

signed with our own proper hand and under our own signet. Dated at our manor of farneham the last day of July in the year of our raigne of England france and Ireland the fifth and of Scotland the two and fortieth and now inrolled in the rolls of our Chauncery of our Kingdome of Ireland aforesaid

Wee do appoint ordaine and declare by these presents that the aforesaid Towne of Belfast and all and Singular Castles Messuages Tofts Mills houses Edeifices buildings curtilages gardens wast places the foundation of Water Courses and Tenemts and hereditamts whatsoever with their appurtenances [lying or being in or within the same Town or Townland or precincts [thereof] of *the same* (the Castle of Belfast together with the curtilages gardens orchards and edefices whatsoever to the said Castle belonging [duely] *only* excepted) are and shall be of the rest in perpetuall times to come one sole and free Burrough of itself by the name of the Burrough of Belfast and they shall be named nominated and called from others the Burrough of Belfast and wee doe erect constitute make and by these presents ordaine all those in one sole and free Burrough of itself by the name of the Burrough of Belfast And further more we will ordaine and by these presents appoint that within the Burrough aforesaid there be one body Corporate and polittick consisting of one Sovereigne Twelve free Burgesses and of the Comonality and that all the Inhabitants within the aforesaid Town and lands aforesaid are and shall be for ever in present force [one] from others one body Corporate and polittick in deed fact and name by the name of the Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough of Belfast And wee erect make ordain and by these presents constitute these by the name of Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough of Belfast aforesaid one body Corporate and polittick in deed matter and name really and to the full for us our heirs and successors and that by the same name they may have perpetuall succession And that they by the name of the Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough of Belfast aforesaid are and shall be for ever in time to come of a fitt person and capable in the Law to have [seek] *perceive* receive and possess the Lands Tenemts Liberties privileges Jurisdicions franchises and hereditaments whatsoever of what kind nature or forme they have been to them and their Successors in fee and perpetually and also the goods and chattles and whatsoever other things of what kind nature or quality they have been And also to give grant lett and assigne the Lands Tenemts and hereditamts goods and chattles and to doe and execute all and singular other deeds and things by the name aforesaid And that by the name of Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough of Belfast they may plead and be impleaded answer and to be answered defend and to be defended before us our heirs and Successors and before whatsoever our Justices and Judges of our heirs and Successors and others whatsoever in whatsoever our Courts of our heirs and Successors and to and other whatsoever of and in all and all manner of actions suites pleas plaints and demands whatsoever to be prosecuted or brought against them or by them

To send two
members of
Parliament.

And that they the aforesaid Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid and their Successors for ever may have full power and authority to chuse send and returne two discreet and fitt men to serve and attend in every parliament in our said Kingdome of Ireland hereafter to be held and that such men so elected sent and returned may have full power and authority to handle and consult upon those things and matters which to them and others shall be there expounded and declared and thereupon freely to give their voyces and opinions and to do and execute other matters whatsoever soe fully and freely as any other Burgesses of any other antient Burrough in our said Kingdome of Ireland or in our said Kingdome of England have been accustomed to doe and execute there in Parliament

The High
Sheriffs power

Wherefore wee will and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors doe give and grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the Burrough and to their Successors And also wee doe charge and firmly command for us our heirs and Successors all high Sheriffs officers and Ministers of our heirs and Successors whatsoever of our said County of Antrim for the time being to whome any of our writt or writts for the chusing of the Burgesses of the Parliament within the said County of Antrim in any time shall be directed That

The first
Sovereign and
12 Burgesses

The election
of a Sovereign
yearly

every such high Sheriff officer or Minister to whome any such Writt or Writts shall be directed soe as aforesaid shall make their precept to the Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the said Burrough of Bellfast for the time being for the election and returne of these two Burgesses according to the forme and effect of the same Writt or Writts And these our Letters Pattents or the Inrolment of the same shall be as well as the said Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid and their Successors as also to all and singular high Sheriffs officers and Ministers whatsoever of our heirs and Successors a sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalfe And for that intent as may appear in time to come that this new incorporation may first of all be composed of approved and honest men wee make constitute and name John Vesey to be the first and *moderen* Sovereigne of the said Burrough continuing in the said office untill the feast of St Michael the Archangell next after the date of these presents And likewise wee make constitute and name Sr fluke Conaway Knight, Thomas Hibbotts, Esqr, Moses Hill Esqr, Humphry Norton Esqr, William Lewsly, John Willoughby, Cary Hart, John Aysch, Samuel Boothe, James Burr, Walterhouse Crimble, and John Burr to be the first twelve free Burgesses of the aforesaid Burrough to continue in those offices of free Burgesses of the same Burrough during their severall lives unless in the meantime by behaving themselves evill or for any reasonable cause they shall be removed from the offices aforesaid or any one of them shall be removed And all the Inhabitants of the Twone aforesaid and such and soe many other men whom the Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the same Burrough for the time being shall admit into the Liberty of the Burrough aforesaid wee will constitute and ordaine to be of the Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid And moreover wee will that John Vesey whome by these presents wee have made Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid shall before the eighteenth day of May next following after the date of these presents come before Sr fluke Conaway Knight now Lieut Governor of the Towne of Knocktergus and in due manner shall take as well the oath of Supremacy as alsoe his Corporall oath well and truly to execute the office of Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid untill the feast of St Michael the Archangell next coming as is aforesaid And that the Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid may be elective and therefore wee will and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors wee doe grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and to their Successors that the aforesaid Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid for the time being yearly for ever upon the feast of the nativity of St John Baptist if it happen not to be on the Sabbath day and if the aforesaid feast doth happen to be upon the Sabbath day then upon the next of the same feast they may be able and may assemble themselves in any convenient place within the Burrough aforesaid and the Sovereigne and free Burgesses soe assembled together wee will and grant that the aforesaid Arthur Lord Chichester of Bellfast his heirs and assignes remaining Lords of the said Castle of Bellfast shall nominate three discreet and sufficient men remaining free Burgesses of the said Burrough and shall present the names of them to the aforesaid Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid of whome the aforesaid Sovereigne and free Burgesses so assembled or the greatest part of them before they shall depart may then and there chuse one whome they shall judge most fit to exercise the office of Sovereigne of the said Burrough for one year from the feast of St Michael Archangell next next following and until one other of the Burgesses of the same Burrough shall be in due manner elected made and swome to that office And in defect of such nomination by the aforesaid Lord Chichester his heirs or assignes made in manner and form aforesaid wee will and grant that the said Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid then and there may freely chuse one of the discreetest free Burgesses of the said Burrough to execute the office of Sovereigne for one year as aforesaid

And that every Sovereigne soe elected before he shall be admitted to execute the office aforesaid either the Sovereigne may be or may have as well the oath of supremacy as his corporall oath well and truly to exercise the office of Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid upon the feast of St Michael Archangell next after such election he shall take before the aforesaid Arthur Lord Chichester

of Belfast or the heirs or assigns of the Lord of the said Castle of Belfast or in his or their absence before the Constable of the said Castle of Belfast for the time being

And wee doe grant full power and authority to the aforesaid Arthur Lord Chichester of Belfast and to his heirs and assigns aforesaid and to the Constable of him or them of the Castle of Belfast aforesaid for the time being to take the aforesaid oath of every such Sovereigne newly chosen And moreover of our like especiall grace certaine knowledge and meere motion we will and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors wee grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the said Burrough and to their Successors that if and as often as the Sovereigne of the said Burrough for the time being shall happen to die or void by any manner of means from the office aforesaid within one year after he shall be elected and [serve] sworne as aforesaid to the office of Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid that then [the] and so often the aforesaid Arthur Lord Chichester of Belfast his heirs or assigns aforesaid shall nominate three discreet and sufficient *men* of the aforesaid number of free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid and shall present their names to the said free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid for the time being [otherwise] of which the said free Burgesses may chuse one most fittest in the office of Sovereigne of the said Burrough for the residue of that year within ten days after such vacancy and in defect of such nomination or presentation by the aforesaid Lord Chichester of Belfast his heirs or assigns to be done in manner and forme aforesaid wee will and grant that the said Sovereigne and free Burgesses of the said Burrough then and there may chuse one of the discreetest free Burgesses of the said Burrough to execute the office of Sovereigne for the residue of that year as is aforesaid And that every person and persons in the office of Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid soe as aforesaid elected to the office of Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid may be able to execute untill the feast of Michaell Archangell next following after such election the oath of supremacy aforesaid and alsoe the aforesaid oath for the due execution of his office of Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid so as aforesaid first to be taken

And moreover of our especiall grace meere motion and certaine knowledge wee will and by these presents for us our heirs and successors doe grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and to their Successors that if any one or any of the aforesaid free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid so as aforesaid in these presents named or any one or any of the free Burgesses of the same Burrough hereafter to be chosen shall die or shall be removed from that office which free Burgesses and every one of them or any one not behaving himself well in that office wee will to be moved at the pleasure of the Sovereigne and the major part of the free Burgesses of the same Burrough for the time being that then the Sovereigne and the rest of the free Burgesses of the Burrough aforesaid for the time being may within seven days after the death or removing of such free Burgesses assemble themselves into any convenient place within the Burrough aforesaid And that the said Sovereigne and free Burgesses soe assembled or the major part of them before they shall depart one or so many as shall be wanting of the aforesaid number of free Burgesses of the best and most approved Inhabitants of the Burrough aforesaid in the place or places of that free Burgess or of those free Burgesses so dead or from that office removed they may chuse to continue in the same office during their naturall lives unless in the meantime for their evill Governmt or for behaving themselves evill in that behalf shall be removed or one or any of them shall be removed

And that every person soe in the office of free Burgess of the Burrough aforesaid elected before he shall be admitted to execute that office shall take his corporall oath well and faithfully to execute the office of free Burgess of the Burrough aforesaid within seven days next after such his election before the Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid for the time being or before such other free Burgess of the same Burrough then living and remaining in that office or the major part of them to which Sovereigne for the time being or to which free Burgesses or the major part of them for the time being wee give and grant by these presents full power and authority to take the aforesaid oath of every free Burgess newly chosen and soe as often as the case shall so happen

Election on
the death of
Sovereign

Election of a
Burgess

The Lord of ye
Castle & the
Constable to be
Burgesses

And further more of our especiall grace certaine knowledge and meere motion wee will and grant that as well the Lord of the said Castle of Belfast for the time being and his heirs as alsoe the Constable of the said Castle for the time being are and shall be free Burgesses and every one of them may and shall be a free Burgess of the said Burrough of Belfast and shall enjoy soe many such and soe great Liberties prevelidges and Immunities how many soe many and as great as any other Burgess or any other Burgesses of the said Burrough of Belfast by vertue of these our Letters pattents may have use and enjoy

Assemblies for
By Laws

And further more of our more especiall Grace certain Knowledge and meere motion we will and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors wee doe give and grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and to their Successors that they and their Successors from time to time as often as it shall seem best expedient unto them they may gather and assemble themselves in any convenient place within the Burrough aforesaid and in their meetings there by the advise and consent of the aforesaid Arthur Lord Chichester of Belfast his heirs and assigns aforesaid being Lords of the said Castle of Belfast to make appoint and ordain and establish such acts ordinances and Statutes called By Laws for the good ruling and sound Government of the Burrough aforesaid and the Inhabitants of the same such as and which shall seem necessary to them or the major part of them And that they may have power and authority to punish chastise and correct by fines and penalties of money all persons delinquent against such acts ordinances and Statutes and those fines amercements and penalties of money they may levy and have to the use and behoofe of the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and of their Successors without our hindrance our heirs and Successors and without any accompt or any other thing thereof to be rendered or made to us our heirs or Successors All and Singular which Laws Acts statutes and ordinances so as aforesaid to be made wee will to be observed under the pain in them contained Provided always that the said Laws statutes and ordinances are not against or repugnant to the Laws and statutes of our said Kingdome of Ireland

Not to Plead
out of the
Burrough Court

And moreover of our especiall grace certain knowledge and meere motion wee will and grant by these presents for us our heirs and Successors to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the said Burrough and to their Successors that noe Inhabitants of the Burrough shall implead or be impleaded out of the said Burrough of or for any Lands Tenements Rents or other hereditaments within the said Burrough or within the meares franchises Liberties Limits or precincts of the same or of for any Trespasses detaines covenants debts demands accompts contracts or any other causes demands or controversies whatsoever within the said Burrough or within the franchises Liberties or meets of the same made or to be made arising or to arise without the especiall licence of the said Arthur Lord Chichester of Belfast his heirs or assigns being Lord of the Castle of Belfast aforesaid unless it concerns us our heirs or Successors or the right or interest of the Sovereigne and free Burgesses or their Successors in the right or polittick capacity of them or unless it concerns the Sovereigne in his own right.

The Borrow
Court a Court
of Record to
try cases not
exceeding
£20 Irish

And moreover of our more especiall grace certain knowledge and meere motion wee will and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors doe grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and to their Successors that they and their Successors may for ever have and hold and may be able to have and to hold one Court in any place convenient and fitt within the Burrough aforesaid to be held before the Sovereigne of the same Burrough for the time being and in the same Court to hold pleas every Thursday from week to week of all and Singular accounts debts Covenants Trespasses detaines contracts and demands personall whatsoever not exceeding the sum of Twenty pounds currant money of Ireland happening or arising in or within the aforesaid Burrough of Belfast or the Liberties of the same and that that Court may be reputed and esteemed a Court of Record for ever

And furthermore we will and by these presents firmly injoining wee charge and command that noe person nor persons from henceforth hereafter shall sell or expose to sale nor shall cause to be exposed by retale any marchandize

Extent of sd Burrough

comodities whatsoever by way of merchandize within the space of three miles by a direct line on every part of the said Burrough of Belfast measured round about unless such person or persons have been or shall be planted or placed by Arthur Lord Chichester his heirs or assigns being Lord of the Castle of Belfast in or within the aforesaid Burrough of Belfast or Liberties of the same or there dwellers residents or Inhabitants or shall be or have been dwelling resident or Inhabiting under the paine or forfeiture of all and Singular such merchandize and comodities so against the Tenor and intention of these our Letters pattents sold or putt to sale And moreover of our more especiall grace certaine knowledge and meere motion wee will and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors doe grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and their Successors for ever that the Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid for the time being and his Successors in very deed and as soon as he shall receive and take his oath of the aforesaid office of the Sovereigne well and faithfully to be executed in the forme aforesaid before in these presents specified shall be a Justice and Keeper of the Peace of our heirs and Successors within and through the whole Burrough of Belfast and in and within all and Singular Liberties Limitts and meets thereof and that the same justice may have full power and authority to keep and conserve our peace our heirs and Successors and also to enquire hear and determine all things concerning our peace in or within the aforesaid Burrough or Liberties of the same

The Sovereign a Justice of Peace

And moreover we will and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors doe grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the said Burrough and to their for ever that they may have a Marchant Hall within the Burrough aforesaid and one Comon seale in such forme and as shall seem best unto them to serve for ever for the businesses of the same Burrough

a Town hall

And that they may be able for ever from time to time as often as it shall be needfull of themselves to chuse constitute and ordaine two serjeants at mace and other inferior officers and necessary ministers for the better government of the Burrough aforesaid and the Inhabitants of the same And wee make constitute and ordaine every person soe from time to time elected constituted and ordained to be the serjeants at mace and other inferior officers and Ministers of the same Burrough respectively and in their offices to continue dureing their good behaviour or at the Will and pleasure of the said Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and that every such serjeant officer and minister before they shall be admitted to exercise their office shall take before the Sovereigne of the said Burrough for the time being his Corporall oath for the well and truly being his office Moreover wee grant that the Sovereigne of the Burrough aforesaid for the time being for ever shall be Clark of the Markett within the Burrough aforesaid and Libties of the same and from time to time they may have full power and authority to doe and follow all and singular to the office of the Clark of the Markett belonging or pertaining so that noe other Clark of our Marketts our heirs or Successors shall enter into the Burrough aforesaid or the franchises of the same there to doe or execute the the (sic) office of the Clark of the Markett or anything to the said office belonging or appertaining neither shall he enter himself in any office of the Clark of the Markett any ways touching the Burrough aforesaid or the Libties of the same further more wee will and of our especiall grace certaine knowledge and meere motion doe grant to the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid that hereafter it may and shall be lawful to all freemen of the Burrough aforesaid and their Successors to chuse and establish within the franchises of the said Burrough one wharffe or Key in any convenient place upon the Bay or Creek of Belfast aforesaid And also that it may and shall be Lawfull to all and Singular Marchants as well Twonsmen (sic) as strangers and to all other our subjects and Leige people with whatsoever shipp or Barque to arrive or bring to the said Wharffe or Key and there to discharge and unlaid and from thence to carry and convey all and Singular Merchandizes and Mercionaries without our hindrance our heirs and successors or any Customer Controwler or any other our officers of our heirs or successors resident in our port of Carrickfergus, Provided always that the said Merchants and the rest of our Leige people and Subjects doe pay or cause to be paid to us our heirs and Successors all and

Two Sergeants att Mace & other Ministers

Sovereign Clerk of the Market

Wharffe or Key

Singular Customes as well great as small subsidies of poundage and impositions due or payable in the said port of Carrickfergus or Bay or Creeke of the same for all and singular Merchandises brought in or carryed forth as aforesaid

And moreover of our more especiall Grace certain knowledge and meere motion wee grant unto the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and their Successors for ever that these our Letters pattents and every article and clause in them contained or the Inrolment of them are to be construed interpreted and adjudged towards the greatest advantage benefit and favour of the aforesaid Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough aforesaid and their Successors towards and against us our heirs and Successors as well in all our Courts as otherwise wheresoever without any confirmations Licenses or Tollerations hereafter to be secured or obtained notwithstanding that our Writt of ad Quod Dampn hath not issued first to enquire of the premisses before the making of these our Letters Pattents And notwithstanding any other defect or any other thing cause or matter whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding we will and also grant to the same Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough of Belfast aforesaid and to their Successors that they may have and shall have these our Letters Pattents under our great Seale of Ireland and sealed and to be made in due manner without any fine great or small therefore to be made & paid to us our heirs or Successors in our hamper or otherwise to our use soe that express invention be not made of the true yearly worth or of the certainty of the premisses or any one of them or of any gift or grant by us or by any of our progenitors to the said Sovereigne free Burgesses and Comonality of the Burrough before this time made remaining in these presents any Statute Act ordinance or proviso or any other thing cause or matter whatsoever made contrary to these presents in anything notwithstanding In Testemonie of which thing wee have caused these our Letters pattents to be made Witness our aforesaid Deputy Generall of our Kingdome of Ireland at Dublin the seaven and twentieth day of April in the Year of our Reigne of England france and Ireland the Eleaventh and of Scotland the six and fortieth

Edgworth

VILLA SIVE
DE BELFAST **Burgus**

*At an Assemblie there holden the seaventeenth day of
October in the nineteenth year of the Raigne of our
Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second of England Scotland
ffrance and Ireland King Defendor of the ffaith &c
Anno Domini 1667*

WHEREAS in the year of our Lord God 1635 by the full and free consent of the Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester the Lord of the Castle of Belfast severall good and wholesome Acts orders and By Laws were then made and established for the due ordering and better Regiment of this Corporation for the further and more fully confirming of which the Rt Honoble Arthur Earl of Donegall now Lord of the Castle aforesaid hath fully consented and freely agreed wth the now Sovereigne Burgesses and Grand Jury Representatives of the Comonality of ye said Corporation and by them hereby enacted and ordered and for ever to stand and be in force and power as By laws of this Corporation to all intents and purposes as by the following words they are exprest and at large sett down

^{1st} For Burgesses and Sovereigns

IN THE PRESENCE and by ye full and free consent of the Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by the Sovereigne and Burgesses then and there assembled & ordained as a By Law for ever to indure that if any freeman of the Corporation being elected Burgess by the Sovereigne & Burgesses of the same or the more of the same refuse to take upon him the place of a Burgesse and to take his oath accordingly he or they soe refusing shall forfitt the sume of five pounds ster And if any free Burgess of this Corporation which hereafter shall be elected Sovereigne within the said Burrough shall refuse to take the office upon him and be sworn accordingly he or they so refusing shall forfeit and loose Ten pounds ster the same to be leyved by warrant of the Sovereigne for the time being and to be employed for the good and benefit of this Corporation

^{2^d} For repairing fences

IN THE PRESENCE and by the full and free consent of the Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of the Castle of Belfast It is ordered by the Sovereigne and free Burgesses then and there assembled and ordained as a By Law for ever to indure That every free Burgesse free Comoner and other Inhabitants of this Town wth now doe or hereafter shall hold or possess any house or land in Towne or fields within the precincts of this Corporation shall within one month now next coming well and sufficiently repaire all and every ye fences and inclosures he or they ought to repaire And ye same from time to time shall maintain and keep upon pain of forfeiture of five shillings ster for every default to be leyved and employed as aforesaid

^{3^d} For keeping of swine

IN THE PRESENCE and by the full and free consent of ye Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by ye Sovereigne and Burgesses then and there assembled and ordained for a By Law for ever to endure That no free Burgess free Comoner nor any other Inhabitant dwelling within this Corporation shall suffer any horses mares Garrons cows or other cattle swine or Geese wth he or they shall keep to go at large in ye Streets or highways to the annoyance of their neighbours upon pain of forfeiting for every fault they shall be taken in ye sum of ten shillings ster to be leyved and employed as aforesaid

^{4th} Ag^t leaving of Dung hills

IN THE PRESENCE and by and with ye full and free consent of ye Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by ye Sovereigne and Burgesses then & there assembled and ordained for a By Law for ever to endure That no free Burgess free Comoner or other Inhabitant dwelling or Inhabiting within this Corporation shall make or cause to be made any dunghills in ye open streets before their doores to continue there above three days or cast any Carrion dyeing stuffe or any other loathsom thing into ye River coming through ye said Town of Belfast to ye annoyance of ye water and hurt of their neighbours upon pain of forfeiting for every such default ye sume of five shillings ster Provided that such as have any dunghills before their doores shall have such convenient time for ye removing of ye same as ye Sovereigne for ye time being shall think fitt ye said fines to be leyved and employed as aforesaid

^{5th} For suing in ye Courts

IN THE PRESENCE and by ye full & free consent of ye Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by ye Sovereigne and Burgesses then and there assembled that noe free Burgess nor free Comoner of this Corporation shall sue or implead any of ye free Burgesses or free Comoners of ye same Town for any action that ye Court

of this Corporation may heare without ye consent of ye Lord of ye Castle of Belfast for ye time being or Sovereigne of ye same Town then being first obtained unless such person shall not have due proceedings there every person so offending therein shall forfeit forty shillings ster: for every default ye same to be levied & employed as aforesaid

6th No malt kilns to be built without ye consent of ye L^d Castle

AT AN ASSEMBLY held the 29th of March 1638 in the presence of the Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of ye Castle of Belfast and with his consent It is ordered and established by ye Sovereigne and Burgesses as a By Law for ever to remaine That from henceforth no person or persons inhabiting within ye Borough of Belfast shall erect or make any Malt Kilnes or make use of any Malt Kilnes already built within ye said Towne but in such convenient places as shall be allowed of by the Lord of ye Castle and Sovereigne for ye time being wth six of the Burgesses at least upon pain of forfeiture of five pounds ster for every time he shall be presented for the same to be levied & employed as aforesaid

7th Ag^t Wood Chymneys

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by and wth ye Consent aforesaid It is ordered (daily inconveniencies likely to arise to this Towne & Borough by reason of wood Chymnies) That ye said Chymnies within ye Rampier of this Town be forthwith pulled down and brick Chymnies to be made instead thereof upon pain of forfeiture on every person that maketh default ye sume of forty shillings ster to be levied and employed as aforesaid

8th No Sov^{ty} to sell ale or any liquor during his Sov^{ty} repealed in the year 1716 Mr Gurner Sovereign

AT AN ASSEMBLY held the 24th of June 1660 Capt Francis Meeke Sovereigne It was ordered by the Sovereigne and Burgesses with the consent of the Rt Honble Arthur Earl of Donegal Lord of ye Castle of Belfast That no Burgesse of ye Borough of Belfast from and after ye date hereof that is and shall be elected and sworn Sovereigne of ye Borough aforesaid during ye time of his Sovereignty shall sell by retaile in his house any wine whatsoever or any beer ale or aqua vitae or other strong waters or keep entertainmt in his house during his office as aforesaid upon forfeiture of one hundred pounds to be levied upon his goods and chattles to & for ye use of this Corporation.

9th firemen refusing to appear being summoned

IN THE PRESENCE and by the full and free consent of the Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of the Castle of Belfast It is ordered by the Sovereign & Burgesses then & there assembled That if any free Burgesse or free Comoner of this Corporation shall at any time refuse to come and appear at ye Court held within this Corporation or before the Sovereigne for ye time being warning being given unto him or them by ye officers without reasonable or sufficient cause to be allowed of by the Sovereign and Burgesses shall for every such default forfeit to ye use of this Corporation Tenn shillings Ster for every such offence ye same to be levied and employed as aforesaid

10th Ag^t selling Wine &c time divine service

IN THE PRESENCE and by and with the consent of the Right Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of the Castle of Belfast It is ordered by the Sovereign and Burgesses then and there assembled That no person or persons whatsoever shall sell any manner of ale wine or aqua vitae or anything vendible within this Corporation at ye time of divine Service or sermon time upon forfeiture for every time that he or they shall be convicted thereof six shillings and eight pence ster to be levied and employed as aforesaid

11th to accompanying the Sov^r to Church

IN THE PRESENCE and by the full and free consent of the Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of ye Castle of Belfast. It is ordered by the Sovereigne and Burgesses then and there assembled That free Burgesse and free Comoner in this Corporation shall every Sunday or other day wherein there shall be a sermon or other publique prayers as often as it shall so happen to be shall all repaire to the house of the Sovereign for ye time being and shall attend in his company to ye Church or place of prayer and from thence home again or neer to his house upon pain of payment by every Burgess two shillings ster and every free Comoner twelve pence ster unless he or they so neglecting shall show to ye Sovereign for the time being some reasonable cause to ye contrary the same to be leyed and employed as aforesaid

12th to attend the Sov^r to meeting Judges

IN THE PRESENCE and by the full and free consent of the Rt Honble Edward Lord Viscount Chichester Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by the Sovereign and Burgesses then and there assembled That every free Burgess and free Comoner dwelling within this Corporation or otherwise then resident shall whensoever occasion happens for the Credit and grace of this Corporation notice being given unto them how short or soon soever it be shall be ready to accompany the Sovereign for ye time being to meet any nobleman Justices of Assize or other state or person w^hsoever that shall come into this Town and that they shall be likewise ready either on horseback or foot w^h ye Sovereign either in ye said Town or ye Liberties thereof in ye most decent manner they may or best can upon pain either of comittment during the Sovereigns and Burgesses pleasure for ye time being or upon pain of paymt by every free Burgess and free Comoner such fine as by ye Sovereign and two or more of ye Burgesses shall be thought fitt so as ye fine do not exceed twenty shillings ster: the same to be leyed and employed as aforesaid

13th Butchers to carry their blood and garbage into the sea

AT AN ASSEMBLY held there the seventh day of January 1663 with ye consent of the Rt Honble Arthur Earl of Donegall Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by (George M^cCartney Esqr) Sovereign and the Burgesses then and there assembled That whereas daily complaints are made by severall Inhabitants of ye said Burrough that great annoyances are done by the Butchers of this Town by Killing and slaughtering of Cattle suffering ye Blood and garbage some to lye in ye Streets and other parts to run into severall channells and ditches of this Town to ye corrupting of ye River and other annoyances to the neighbours for the avoyding the same for ye future that if any Butcher or Butchers or any other person whatsoever shall from and after ye date hereof slaughter or kill or cause to be slaughtered or killed any cattle of what kind soever within this Town of Belfast without they or any of them so doing shall carry or cause to be carryed ye same day all ye blood and Garbage of such beasts or cattles so killed or slaughtered twenty yards beyond ye full sea marke every such Butcher or other person offending herein shall for every offence pay twenty shillings ster to be Leyed [by distresse] and employed as aforesaid

14th Of leaving timber carts or carrs in the streets & for cleaning the streets

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by and with the full & free consent of the Rt Honble Arthur Earl of Donegall It is ordered and enacted that if any person or persons shall from and after ye date hereof encumber leave or cause to be left upon any of ye Streets and Lanes of this Town any Timber Carts Carrs Hoggsheds barrells or other Caske full or empty or any other thing of w^h quantity soever without leave first had and obtained from ye Sovereign for ye time being so to do and to be granted in case of necessity as ye Sovereign shall allow of every such person or persons offending herein shall pay for every offence ye sume of ten shillings ster: And it is further ordered that all persons within this Town being masters of families or tenants living in any house or houses or that useth or occupieth any shopp cellar warehouse storehouse or any place or

ground though waste fronting upon any of ye Streets or lanes aforesaid shall every week twice that is to say on Wednesday and Saturday sweepe and make cleane or cause to be swept or made cleane his or their part or portion of ye Street that belongeth to such house or houses shoppes cellars warehouses storehouses or any other place or places respectively And if any such person or persons shall neglect or refuse so to do every such person or persons so offending shall pay twelve pence ster for every offence to be levied and employed as aforesaid

15^a Liberty to erect Bridge over River

AT AN ASSEMBLY held the fourteenth day of April 1664 wth ye consent of ye Rt Honoble Arthur Earl of Donegall Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by ye Sovereign and Burgesses then and there assembled That any person Inhabiting in the High Street shall have liberty against his house to erect and build over ye River a Bridge for coaches or carrs to goe over without any lett or hindrance from any person leave being first had from ye Lord of ye Castle or ye Sovereigne for ye time being

16^a Sov^a to call preceding Sov^a to an acct for what money rec^d for the benefit of the Corporacon

AT AN ASSEMBLY held ye fourth day of January 1665 Edward Reynolds Esqr then Sovereign by and wth ye consent ye Rt Honoble Arthur Earl of Donegall It is ordered established and enacted that whereas from time to time severall sumes of money have been received by ye Sovereignes from time free Comoners of this Corporation and by ye late Rebellion and other Revolutions happening for several years last past noe account hath been given of ye same And forasmuch as Mr John Rigby George M^cCartney Esqr and Mr William Waring for and on ye behalfe of his father late deceased are ready to give an account of what moneys were received in their times that from henceforth every Sovereign that shall succeed in ye place and office of Sovereign of ye Borrough of Belfast aforesaid shall have full power and authority with ye assistance of ye major part of ye Burgesses within one month after he shall be sworn Sovereign to call ye preceding Sovereign to an account of all such sumes of money as were received in his time of and from any freemen or given by any other person to be employed for ye good of this Corporation and how disbursed and disposed to ye use aforesaid And if that any Sovereign shall happen to dye within ye time of his being sworn Sovereign that then it shall and may be lawful to and for ye succeeding Sovereign to call and cause ye Exrs and admrs of ye Sovereign that shall so happen to dye as aforesaid to give a true and just account of all and every such sume or sumes of money as shall be received or disposed of as aforesaid any act order or By law of this Corporation at any time or times heretofore made published ordered or established to ye contrary in anywise notwithstanding

17^b All freemen to be made free in Court 3 or 2 of the Burgesses present one moiety of the money to be for the use of the Court

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by and with ye full and free consent of ye Rt Honble Arthur Earl of Donegall Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by ye Sovereign and Burgesses ye daily growing charge of ye poor and other ways of disbursing moneys being considered and ye great want of a Town Stock to defray any emergent charge and ye number of free Comoners daily increasing rather to ye hurt and detrimt of this Corporation than to ye credit or advantage thereof It is enacted by ye consent aforesaid that ye Sovereign for ye time being and every Sovereign for ye time to come shall not admit any person to be a free Comoner of this Corporation without reserving ye full moiety of such sume or sumes of money as shall be agreed upon for ye making of any person free to and for ye use of ye said Town And that no freeman hereafter shall be admitted and sworn a free Comoner in no other place and at no other time but in open Court three or two at ye least of ye Burgesses beside ye Sovereign being present any Act Order use or custome of this Corporation heretofore made used or done to ye contrary in anywise notwithstanding

28^b noxious Games &c

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by and wth ye full and free consent of ye Rt Honble Arthur Earl of Donegall Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered and enacted to remaine as a By Law for ever that no Inholder Aleseller or Victualer within ye Borrough of Belfast shall [not] from henceforth suffer any person or persons unless Lodgers in their houses to drink or play at any game w^{so}ever after ye hour of nine at night and that every person that shall offend as abovesaid shall for every offence pay to ye Sovereign for ye time being ye sume of three shillings and four pence ster to be levied by distress or otherwise and every person that shall be found drinking or playing after ye time aforementioned shall pay to ye Sovereign for ye time being ye sume of five shillings ster for every default to be levied and employed as aforesaid

10^b for keeping up ye river wall

AT AN ASSEMBLY holden for ye Borrough aforesaid by ye consent aforesaid ye seventeenth day of October 1667 It is ordered by ye Sovereign and Burgesses that every person Inhabiting or that hereafter shall inhabit in ye Street called ye High Street shall build with lime and stone or brick so much of ye wall of ye River as shall front to his or their house or houses in ye same manner and form as the most part thereof is now built and ye same so built shall from time to time repair and keep up every person neglecting so to do shall for every default forfeite ye sume of ten shillings ster to be levied and employed as aforesaid

20^a No person to be admitted free as an apprentice unless within 3 months after he has completed his time

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by and wth ye consent aforesaid It is ordered and established as a By Law for ever That w^{ever} person or persons that shall serve as an apprentice wth any master wthin ye Liberty of this Corporation and shall not wthin three months after ye completing of his apprenticeship by his Indenture or otherwise make it appear to ye Sovereign for ye time being that he hath served his time wthin ye Liberties aforesaid shall utterly loose ye benefit of being made a free Comoner of the Borrough according to ye custome in that case formerly used but shall be accounted an alien and foreiner and compound for his freedom as aliens and foreiners notwithstanding any act custome or use to ye contrary made or used at any time heretofore provided this law shall not extend to any persons beyond ye seas

21^a Against harbouring inmates

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by the full and free consent of ye Rt Honble Arthur Earl of Donegall Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered and ordained for a By Law for ever to continue That no cheife Tenant or subtenant living wthin ye Town and Liberties of Belfast w^{so}ever shall from henceforth take into their houses to inhabite any persons either married or single w^{out} every such cheife tenant as shall bring in any do first secure ye Towne from any charge that may ensue or such tenants shall obtain leave from ye Lord of ye Castle or ye Sovereign for ye time being under their hands in writing nor shall any Tenant wthin ye said Liberty divide his dwelling house or other his houses into more Tenemts than formerly they have been used or enjoyed for ye taking in or harbouring Inmates w^{out} leave obtained as aforesaid Any Burgess free Comoner or other person offending in ye premisses shall forfeit for every default ye sume of forty shillings ster to be levied and employed as aforesaid And any person or persons that shall be brought in as inmates aforesaid shall upon knowledge thereof by warr from the Sovereign immediately be turned out of ye Town and Liberties thereof

22^b to pay the Customes

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by and with ye full and free consent of ye Rt Honble Arthur Earl of Donegall Lord of ye Castle of Belfast and by ye Sovereign and Burgesses of ye Borrough of Belfast It is ordered and for a By Law for ever to continue in consideration that ye Inhabitants of Mallon fill and

Dunmurry and part of ye parish of Coole by their representatives ye Grand Jury at a Court Leete for ye said *manner* consent to pay towards ye erecting and building up a Court house and Markett house in this Corporation as by ye presentmt may appear ye said Inhabitants of Mallon fiall and Dunmurry with part of ye parish of Coole having already paid part of their proportion and paying ye remainder according to ye assesse made thereupon That ye Inhabitants of ye said Mallon fiall and Dunmurry wth part of ye parish of Coole so many of them as are within ye manor of Belfast shall have their own proper goods brought into ye Towne Tole and Custome free usually paid at ye gates of ye said Town and no other provided allways that no person an inhabitant of any of ye places aforesaid by pretence or colour of ye Liberty aforesaid shall at any time owne any forreiners goods whereby ye Custome of ye said Town may be Lessened That then any person against whome any such thing shall be proved before ye Sovereign of ye said Borrough for ye time being by ye oath of one witness shall loose ye benefit of ye freedom aforesaid and forfeit ye sume of forty shillings ster to be levied upon ye goods and chatties of ye person offending and to be employed as aforesaid And provided allways that all persons Inhabiting in any of ye places aforesaid shall yearly and every year pay their severall and respective proportions of mony towards ye repair of ye said Court house and Markett house from time to time as often as ye same shall be needfull and necessary

23th Butchers to pay Tongues

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY Whereas it hath been an ancient custome of this Corporation that every Butcher free of this Borrough killing or slaughtering any Bullocks or Cows of what kind soever within this Town or Liberty thereof to pay every week he so killed to ye Sovereign for ye time being one tongue of ye Beast or Beasts he should slaughter It is ordered by ye Sovereign and Burgesses then assembled and by and with ye consent aforesaid and to stand for ever as a By Law of this Corporation That every Butcher free as aforesaid shall every week so long as he shall kill or cause to be killed and slaughtered any Bullock or Cow within ye said Town and Liberties thereof shall observe ye aforesaid custome And that every other person that is not free of this Corporation but a forreiner and alien to ye same shall not slaughter or kill any Bullock or Cow of wth kind soever within ye said Town or Liberties thereof but shall pay to ye Sovereign for the time being for every Bullock or Cow that he shall kill or slaughter ye sume of four pence ster and none to kill within ye said Town of Belfast without license first had and obtained from ye Sovereign for ye time being Excepting allways ffree Comoners every person that shall refuse to pay ye four pence aforesaid for every beast he shall slaughter as aforesaid shall for every default forfeit ye sume of one shilling ster for every Bullock or Cow he shall kill or cause to be killed ye same to be levied and employed as aforesaid

24th Ships not to hinder Gabbords to discharge

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY Upon complaint of ye daily annoyance hindrance and stoppage made of and to Gabbords and Boates plying in and out of Dock belonging to this Town by shippes Barkes and other vessells coming up into ye same and lyeing there to discharge their loadings by which much damage hath and may for ye future accrue to merchants and others employing Boates and Gabbords It is ordered thereupon by ye Sovereign and Burgesses of this Corporation then assembled by and with ye consent aforesaid to endure for ever for a By Law of this this (*sic*) Corporation That no shipp or Barke of wth Burden soever shall come into ye said Dock to lighten or discharge their loading or to take in their loading but at such times as there may be no hindrance for Boates and Gabbords to pass to and fro and those that shall so come in after publishing of this By Law to be licensed by ye Sovereign or ye Water Baylife for ye time being and to fall down out of ye said Dock whensoever thereunto required by the Sovereign or Water Baylife every person that shall offend herein for every fault that shall be made appeare before the Sovereign for ye time being shall forfeit ye sume of forty shillings ster to be levied and employed for ye repaire of ye Key or Dock as shall be thought fitt

25th Presentments & petty customs to be for the use of Sov^a

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by and with ye consent aforesaid It is ordered and to stand for ever a By Law of this Corporation that all fines upon presentments made by ye Grand Jurys from time to time not exceeding Ten shillings ster and that all petty customes shall be to ye use of every Sovereign during his time of being Sovereign of ye Borrough of Belfast for and towards his house keeping without giving any accompt for ye same notwithstanding any By Laws to ye contrary provided no petty customes be exacted from any Burgesse or free Comoner of this Corporation

26th Sov^a to sell distresses

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by and with ye consent aforesaid It is ordered that every Sovereign of this Corporation for ye time being shall have power to apprise and sell within fourteen days time all distresses taken from any person or persons within this Town and liberties thereof refusing to pay any pecuniary mulct or assests made layed or imposed upon him or them and the overplus if any be shall be returned to ye person offending or owner thereof

I doe allow and freely consent to these By Laws being twenty and six in number and think them fitt and necessary for ye good goverment of this Corporation

The Grand Jury.

Michael Biggar
Alexander Smithe
Charles Whitlocke
George Snoden
John M^cCartney
John Shankes
Thomas Lightfoote
Mathew farrell
John Christian

Donegall

George M^cCartney Sovereaigne
John Leathes senior Gilbert Wye
John Leathes Junior
Thomas Walcott
Edward Keynalls
George M^cCartney niger
Hugh Doake
William Waring
fira Thetford

27th Butchers to sell their meat in ye shambles

AT AN ASSEMBLY held ye fourth day of November 1686 with ye consent of ye Hono^{ble} Sr William fracklin Lord of ye Castle of Belfast It is ordered by Robert Leathes Esqr Sovereigne and ye Burgesses then and there assembled That whereas daily complaints are made of ye inconveniency of Butchers keeping their meat upon the Streets without the Shambles w^{ch} not only is indecent of itselfe but much straitens that part of ye Street which is designed and allotted for Public Markett and whereas for ye public good there is an apartmt prepared wthin ye new buildings on ye South side of Castle Street That all Butchers Inhabitants of this said Town shall repair to ye said apartment and furnish themselves wth shambles convenient at or before ye 25th day of March next upon pain of forfeiting twelve pence ster: toities quotes found in ye Street w^{ch} Stalls and that ye said Stalls shall be removed ye said fine to be leyed by distresse or otherwise by warrant from ye Sovereigne for ye time being and ye same to be employed for ye good and benefit of this Corporation

28th Every barrell Rock Lime to contain 32 galls Winchester measure

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by ye authority aforesaid ordered That whereas there is great fraud comitted daily by ye selling of Lime by unjest and undue measures That from and after ye first day of May next every Barrell of Rock or unfallen Lime brought to be sold or sold wthin this Corporation shall contain thirty two gallons winchester measure upon pain making default of six pence ster: per Barrell toities quotes the same to be leyed ut supra

29th Every load of turf to fill a Wine hhd

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY by ye authority aforesaid ordered that all horse Loads of Turfe brought into this Corporation to be sold shall be of ye full measure of one Bordeaux hhd of seventy wine Gallons upon pain of two pence

ster for every faulty load and that and that (*sic*) there be at ye Publick charge of the Borough sealed hoggsds prepared for measuring the same and lodged in some convenient place in the Town to be found on all occasions by which debates of that nature are to be decided to be levied ut supra

30th to put out Lights

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY ordered that to prevent the dangers to wch persons walking in ye night about their Lawfull affairs are incident to every Inhabitant in every Street and Lane in this Corporation shall from henceforth in every year from ye 29th of September to ye 25th of March hang out at their respective doors or shops one Lanthren and candle lighted from ye hour of seven at night till ten when it is not moonshine in ye said hours upon pain of six pence ster: per night toties quoties to be levied ut supra

31th Beef Barrells to be made of good seasoned timber & contain 30 wine galls

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY ordered that whereas it is known that ye reputation of ye trade in this Towne abroad is much impaired by ye insufficiency of Beeffe Barrells for severall years past every Beeffe Barrell made by any Cooper in Belfast or by him them or any person sold in ye said Town after ye first day of May shall be made of good well seasoned Timber well hooped and staunch and to be of ye measure of thirty wine gallons upon pain of twelve pence ster. for every faulty barrell to be levied ut supra

32th to furnish bucketts

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY ordered that for ye better security of ye houses of this Corporation from ye casualty of fire and in imitation of ye laudible custome of other Towns and Borroughs every Inhabitant of sixty pounds ster: free substance shall at or before ye first day of May next at his own proper cost furnish one leathren bucket and ye same deliver to ye Sovereign for ye time being to be lodged in some place ready on all exigences and that ye Sovereign at ye publick charg do compleat ye Ladders w^{ch} are to be four in number and provide a couple of poles with hookes and chains for pulling down houses on such occasions ye said Bucketts to be delivered to ye Sovereign for ye use aforesaid against ye next quarterly assembly upon pain of forfeiture of four shillings and six pence ster: of each person to be levied ut supra

33th Butter Hydes & Tallow to be sold in the middle of ye town

AT AN ASSEMBLY held ye sixth of September 1694 at ye Tholsell of Belfast in and for ye Borough Town and Corporation of Belfast William Craford Esqr Sovereign For as much as it is found by comon experience that many persons who have not been bred marchants w^{thin} ye Town nor elsewhere have of late for their private lucre and gain used to buy great quantities of Butter Hydes and Tallow as ye same was coming to ye said Town of Belfast to be sold and have engrossed ye same into their hands w^{ch} design to sell it dearer to ye merchant adventurers exporters and traders inhabiting ye said Town of Belfast than he who brought ye same to be sold For ye remedy whereof and for preventing ye great abuses and sinister practices comitted and done in buying and selling as aforesaid. It is ordered and declared by ye Sovereign and Burgesses and free Comonality of this Corporation and by authority of ye same and by and wth ye consent of ye Rt Hono^{ble} ye Earl and Countess of Longford Lords of ye Castle of Belfast that ye markett for ye sale and purchase of Butter hydes and Tallow w^{thin} ye Town and Borrough of Belfast is and hereafter shall be w^{thin} ye Castle Street or some part thereof between ye upper Castle Gate and Church Lane and Skipper Lane on ye other side of ye River and in Bridge Street between ye Bridge called ye stone Bridge and ye corners turning down to broad street and Rosemary Lane and that hereafter no butter hydes or Tallow coming to ye Town of Belfast to be sold shall be bought or caused to be bought or sold directly or indirectly by any person w^{soever} before ye said butter hydes or Tallow shall be brought or come w^{thin} ye Streets aforesaid limited and appointed for ye markett and sale thereof under ye penalty of being by Law prosecuted as unlawfull ingrossers and forestallers of ye markett

Gabbards &c to pay tunnage

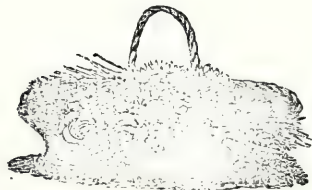
AT AN ASSEMBLY of the Sovereigne and Burgesses held ye 22nd day of October 1696 It is enacted as a By Law of this Corporation pursuant to a presentment of ye Grand Jury this day given in for Keeping cleane ye Docke and for a fund to make a sluice for keeping clean ye said Docke by scowering that all vessells ships barkes or boates belonging to forreiners that will have liberty to discharge at ye Key of Belfast w^hin ye said Docke shall pay two pence for every tun that such vessell ship or bark shall be of burthen and ye same rate upon every vessell which shall take in any loading outwards and all such Gabards vessells or lighters as belong to freemen of ye Borrough which goe to England Scotland or elsewhere or along ye coast shall pay one penny per tun for their burthen at discharge and ye same rate on loading outwards and all such gabards and Lighters as only pley to garmoyle and in ye Lough shall pay ten shillings per annum to be paid at 2s 6d quarterly ye said severall sums to be received by such person as ye Sovereign and Burgesses or ye major part of them shall appoint to be applied for making good and preserving ye said Dock and ye superplus of what can be saved from ye necessary disburse that way to be preserved for a fund for erecting a sluice in ye River from Skipper Lane to Church Lane which sluice hath by severall Grand Juries been represented to be made and had been done before now had it not been for ye interruption of Civill affairs in ye warr

No Vessel to Lye at anchor the South ward of the Dock

AT THE SAME ASSEMBLY ordered upon presentmt of ye same Grand Jury for preventing ye doing damage on ye new Bridge that hereafter no vessell ly at anchor to ye southward of ye Dock and that such as are on ye north side of ye Dock be well moored on pain of forty shillings a tide fine for ye preservation of ye Bridge for ye future

River to be cleaned once every yeare

AT AN ASSEMBLY held ye 21st of January 1696 upon a presentmt of ye Grand Jury ordered that ye River be cleaned once every year to prevent overflowing and every person bordering on ye River from Mr Chades bridge to ye neer mill on both sides that do not every year clear ye River before their holding between ye beginning of May and midsummer shall pay 5/- fine each pearch.



At an Assembly March 30 1696



ORDERED

That whereas some late Sovereigns of this Corporatⁿ have *not* because of the late troubles paid the moyety of the freemens money received upon admitting persons to their freedom of this Corporatⁿ wth is contrary to a By-Law heretofore made. We the Sovereign & Burgesses are of opinion that it is very fit that the said By Law be recontinued, & do appoint and agree that no person be hereafter admitted a freeman of this Corporatⁿ wthout paying the sum of ten shills ster to the use of the Corporatⁿ the same to be lodged in the hands of Thomas Craford Town Clark or such other person as shall be appointed to receive the same by the Sovereigne & Burgesses, unlesse the Sovereigne & major part of the Burgesses present when such freeman is made dispense wth and remitt the paym^t of the s^d ten shills or any part thereof.

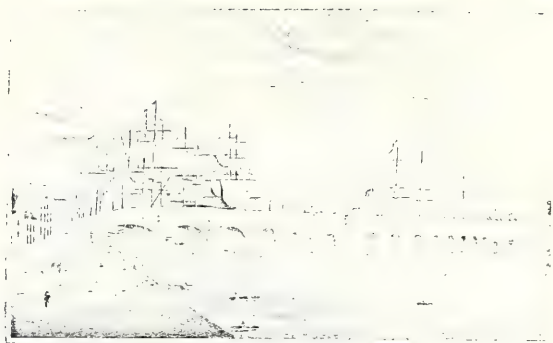
Lewes Thompson Sovereign

L Harrison George M'Cartney Rob^t: Leathes
 Ja: M'Cartney Wm: Craford William Lockhart
 David Smith Willm: M'Cartney

The humble addresse of the Sovereigne Burgesses
 & principal Inhabitants of the Corporatⁿ of Belfast
 Mar 30 1696



MA^y it please yo^r most Excell^t Ma^{ty}: We yo^r Ma^{ties} most dutifull & Loyall Subjects do humbly begg leave heartily to congratulate yo^r Ma^{ty} upon the happy and providential discovery of that most barbarous & hellish plott lately designed & carried on by papists and Jacobites against your Ma^{ty} most sacred person & Government, & sincerely give thanks to almighty God for the great mercy vouchsafed to us & all Protestants, in confounding their devices, & bringing the intended villanous Executioners thereof to condign punishm^t and we take this occasion to assure yo^r Ma^{ty} that we are fully satisfied that yo^r Ma^{ty} is our rightful & lawfull King, and as we of this Corporatⁿ were early assertors thereof in this Kingdom, so we still by Gods Grace persevere therein, & will to the utmost of our power defend yo^r Ma^{ties} Person right & Government against the late King James, the



LONG BRIDGE.



COLLEGE.

pretended Prince of Wales and all their adherents, wishing
yo: Ma^{tie} a long and prosperous Reigne over us & a
continued successe ag^t yo: Ma^{ties} & our Enemies.

Lewes Thompson Sovereign
Copia vera & signed by 81 more hands



T an Assembly of the Sovereigne and Burgesses
held the twenty second of Oc^{br} 1696 it is enacted
as a By Law of this Corporaⁿ pursuant to a
P^rsentm^t of the Grand Jury this day given in for
keeping cleane the dock and for a fund to make
a sluice *for keeping clean the said dock by scouring* that all
vessels ships barks or boats belonging to forreigners that
will have liberty to discharge at the Key of Belfast wthin
the said dock shall pay two pence for every tun that such
vessel ship or bark shall be of burthen, and the same rate
upon every vessel which shall take in any lading outward;
and all such gabards vessels or lighters as belong to freemen
of the Burrow which go to England Scotland or elsewhere
or along the coast shall pay one penny per tun for their
burthen at discharge, and the same rate on lading outward:
& all such gabards or lighters as only ply to Garmoyle and
in the Lough shall pay ten shils per annm to be paid at 2. 6^d
quarterly; the said severall sums to be received by such
person as the Sovereigne and Burgesses or the major part
shall appoint to be apply'd for making good and p^rserving
the said docke, and the superplus of what can be saved from
the necessary disburse that way, to be preserved for a fund
for erecting a sluice in the River from Skiper Lane to
Church Lane which sluice hath by severall Grand Jurys
been p^rsented to be made and had been done before now
had it not been the interruption of civil affairs in the warr,
At the same time ordered upon a P^rsentm^t of the same
Grand Jury for preventing the doing damage on the new
Bridge that hereafter no vessel ly at anchor to the
southward of the Dock, and that such as are on the
north side of the dock be well mored on pain of
fourty shils a tide fine. *for ye preservation of ye Bridge
for ye future*

Ordered upon p^rsentm^t of the Grand Jury 21. Jan'y '96
that the River be cleaned once every year to p^rvent
overflowing, and every person bordering on the River from
Mr Chad's bridg to the [upper] near mills on both sides

that do not every year clear the River before their holding
between the beginning of May & midsummer shall pay 5^s fine
for each pearch

Rob^t Leathes Sovereaigne

Longford A Longford James Buller Ja M^cCartney
David Smith L Harrison Arthur M^cCartney
Lewes Thompson Jno Challmers Wm Crafford

We Mary Mathews widow and Charles Mathews both of Dromore in
the County of Down Ex^{ts} to Michael Mathews late of Dromore deceased,
ourselves our Ex^{ts} adm^{rs} and assigns do hereby acknowledge to have
received from Matthew Betts James M^cCreery and Joseph Dixon full
satisfaction of all bills bonds debts dues Reconings and accounts and
demands whatsoever that was or hath been due to the aforesaid Michael
Mathews or us his Ex^{ts} from the beginning of the world to the day of the
date hereof as witness our hands and seals this 14th day of June one
thousand six hundred and ninety seven. [Sig] Memorandum that the said
Betts discharges M^{rs} Mathews and M^r Charles of all accounts due to him,
and them

Signed sealed and delivered in the p^resence of us

Derb: Blacker
M^{rs} Linch

his
Simon x Dixon
mrk

Mary Mathews



Charles Mathews



Whereas I have now changed the place of my Residence. And removed
from Belfast to Dungannon. where I cannot be so usefull nor serviceable to
the Corporation, as my Inclinations doe leade me. & my place of a Burgess
doeth require I Doe therefore Resigne my place of Burgess of the Burrough
of Belfast into the hands of the Right Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegalle
Present Sovereaigne of the said Burrough; & to the Rest of the Burgesses of
the same. To be by them disposed off as in Justice and Equity they shall
think fit As witness my hand the 17th Xber. 1697

Tho Knox



UPON the above resignation of M^r Thomas Knox
the Sovereign & Burgesses assembled this 23rd of
xb: 1697. did unanimously choose & elect Capt
Edw^d Brice a free Burgesse of the Burrough of
Belfast in room of the said M^r Knox who was accordingly
sworn

Donegall Sovereign

William Lockhart James Buller David Smith
Arthur M^cCartney Jno: Challmers Cha: Chichester
George M^cCartney Rob^t Leathes Lewes Thompson
L: Harrison W^m: Crafford



ORASMUCH as by free election of the Sovereigne & Burgesses of Belfast I was the 7th day of March 1691 Chosen a free Burgess of the Burrough of Belfast I do hereby resign the said office into the hands of the Sovereign and Burgesses as aforesaid: dec^r 23rd 1697

Donegall

Upon the above Resignaⁿ of the R^t Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall the Sovereigne & Burgesses this day assembled did unanimously elect and choose the Hon^{ble} Charles Chichester Esq^r brother to the said Earle to be a free Burgess of the Burrough of Belfast in room of the s^d Earle who accordingly was sworne this 23rd of Decb^r 1697

Donegall Sovereaigne

George M^cCartney Rob Leathes Lewes Thompson
L: Harrison W^m Crafford William Lockhart James
Buller David Smith Arthur: M^cCartney Jno:
Challmers

Upon the sixth day of September one thousand six hundred ninety eight the Sovereign and Burgesses did assemble to choose and elect a free Burgess in the place & roome of Willm Lockhart mth deceased and did unanimously choose the Hon^{ble} Cap^t John Chichester a free Burgess in the room of the said W^m Lockhart & he was sworne according to the said election.

Rob Leathes Sovereaigne

Ja: M^cCartney Lewes Thompson W^m Crafford
James Buller David Smith Arthur: M^cCartney
Jno Challmers Cha: Chichester Edwa Brice Ri:
Willoughby Cons^{tl} Cas^{tl}

October 9. 1698



HAVE rec^d from Capt Rob^t Leathes dep: Sovereigne—the R^t Hon^{ble} the Earle of Donegall, the Town Charter in English & Latine, the By Laws, the Lady Marchioness of Antrim's Bond & Rent Charge 300^{li} of the poor—Mr Theakers Bond for 10^{li} of the same, W^m Kerr bond of 10^{li} of the same, Lord Donegalls bond 10^{li} of the same, Lady Longfords letter for 100^{li} of the same Witness my hand the day & year aforesaid,

Also the standard measures ly in the Court house

[lying in]

David Smith Sovereaigne

Copy of an order to Mr Jemmett July 29. 1697

Sir, what money you have received for the Towns use toward building a Sluice out of the tunage, after deduction of your own allowance pursuant to the orders to you granted, please to pay the same to me Thomas Craford the Town chamberlane whose receipt will be sufficient to you. I am Sir yo^r humble serv^t

R. L. Sovraigne

To Warham Jemmett Esqr Com^r of Belfast.

I have rec^d this 5th february 1698/9 a Comission from the Sovereign and Burgesses of Belfast to receive the dock fees according to the wth By-Law of which I do hereby oblige myself my Ex^{ts} and Adm^{ts} in the penall sum of forty pounds ster to give acct & make paym^t of my receipts from time to time to the s^d Sovereign and Burgesses & their successors when thereunto required. Witness my hand & seall ye day & year aforesaid

Re^d

Tho: Craford not Pub^r

Nath: Byrnt

Upon the fourteenth day of October one thousand seven hundred the Sovereign and Burgesses did assemble to choose and elect a free Burgesse in the place and room of Capt Edward Harrison Burgesse deceased, and did unanimously choose David Buller m^t a free Burgess in room of the said Capt Harrison, & he was sworn accordingly

George M^cCartney Sovereigne

Rob^t Leathes Lewes Thompson W^m Crafford
James Buller David Smith Arthur: M^cCartney
Jno Challmers



PON the twenty sixth day of April one thousand seven hundred and one the Sovereigne and Burgesses did assemble to choose and elect a free Burgesse in the place and room of the Hon^{ble} Capt Charles Chichester Burgesse deceased, and did unanimously choose Isaac M^cCartney m^t a free Burgesse in room of the said Capt Charles Chichester and he was sworne accordingly.

George M^cCartney Sovereigne

Donegall Rob^t Leathes Lewes Thompson W^m
Crafford James Buller David Smith Jno
Challmers David Buller Ri: Willoughby Cons^t Cast

Burgus de
Belfast

At an Assembly held the 8th of May 1701
Geo: M^cCartney Esq^r Sovereigne

Whereas it is found by experience that merchants as well strangers as Inhabitants of this town have been of late and dayly are imposed upon by the Porters or Carmen in exacting extravagant rates for drawing of goods, for the preventing whereof in time to come it is hereby ordered and enacted as a By Law of this Corpor^e by the Sovereigne Burgesses & Comonality by and with the consent of the Right Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast that the following rates & no other be taken by the severall carmen, upon pain of being suspended from their employ, disfranchised of their freedom and amerced & fined as extortioners viz;

I for every tun of coals salt or goods portable in bags from the Wharf to the Barracks or without miller gate and to Peters hill or without north gate twelve pence per tun & no more.

- 2 for every Tun of coals salt &c from the Key to any place above the bridg opposite to James Arbuckle's house to any street lane or place within north gate & mill gate 2^d per Load being eight pence per tun & no more.
- 3 for every tun of coals or salt &c below the said Bridg opposite to James Arbuckle's house six pence per tun.
- 4 for every hhd of wine vinegar or other liquor 2^d per hhd.
- 5 for every butt or pipe of wine Brandy or other liquor drawn on the slade and cellard by the carmen eight pence to any place within the gates.
- 6 for every hogshhead of Muscovado Sugar six pence.
- 7 for every ten fittins of butter, being a car load from peters hill or any part w^out Mill gate or from any other street or lane in town two pence.
- 8 Every carman standing next to any goods to be laded shall sett to work at the aforesaid rates w^out p'tending any new or other bargain for his work than the above rates and every merchant may choose and make use of such carman as he thinks fit.
- 8 Every carman shall be ready on all occasions by turns upon the summons of the Constables to do all publick services for the King upon m'ching of the Army or otherwise.

And for the encouragement of a certain number of Porters to do all the work at the rates aforesaid and that straglers do not intrench upon their privileges the licensed porters for work are reduced to the number of 30 whose names follow viz Arch Tod Tho Wallace Jno McGown Ja Campbel Jno Tod Gilbt Tod Ja McDowel Tho Smith Jno Shaw Tho Slope Jno M'Crath And: Jamison Jno Taggart David Harman Wm Boyd Gilb Robison Al Robison Jno Gardner Rob Maxwell Gilb Tod Junr Jno Thomson Ja Murray Charles Ramage Matthew Leath Wm Neilson Tho Neilson Jno Neilson Tho McLearn Jno Neill & Thom Easton

And all other labourers are hereby discharged to work w^o any horse & cars and it is hereby ordered that no person shall be licensed as a Carman till the death or superanuacion of some of the aforesaid persons; and such as then makes applicaⁿ to succeed in the said office shall repair to the said Corporacⁿ of carmen, without consent of the major part of whom the Sovereigne & Burgesses are not to insist any such new carman or carmen

Intr^d per Tho Craford d clk Will

Upon the sixth day of feby one thous^d seven hundred and two the Sovereigne & Burgesses then mett to choose a free Burgesse in the place & room of James Buller Burgesse deceased did unanimously choose & elect Neil Macneil apothecary a free Burgesse in the room of the said James Buller and he was accordingly sworn in the said office

David Buller Sovereigne

Lewes Thompson W^m Craford David Smith
Jno Challmers Edwa Brice

The Oath of the Sovereign of the Burrough of Belfast

You swear, that you shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Ann by the space of one whole year ending at Michaelmas next: and untill one other of the Burgesses be duly elected made and sworn to your office as Sovereign of the Burrough of Belfast (if God grant you so long life) with your best endeavour according to the power given unto you; by Her Majties Letters Patents. You shall according to the best of yr knowledge and discretion do equall justice, as well to the poor, as to the Rich. You shall truly fairly and gently treat the people of this Town and Burrough. You shall use yr best endeavour to uphold and maintain the Rights and Liberties Jurisdictions, Priviledges, and Lawfull ordinances, of this Burrough; Correction of Victuals that is to say bread beer ale wine fish and flesh, You shall truly and carefully see or cause to be seen into;

Craftsmen, Artificers, and Labourers, You shall truly enquire of and the faulty Justly correct and duly reforme Widdows and orphans you shall succour and defend: and in all other things that shall or may concern the Town and your office You shall faithfully and uprightly demean yourself for the most quiet benefit worsip credit and advancement of this Burrough and the Inhabitants thereof

So help you God
in Christ Jesus

Upon the sixteenth day of October one thousand seven hundred and two the Sovereigne & Burgesses then mett did administer the oaths of allegiance & fidelity and oath of a Burgesse to George M^cCartney Esq^r Counsel-at-law who had bin on Thursday the 8th 7^{br} elected & chosen a free Burgesse of Belfast in the room of M^r Black George M^cCartney M^{rs} Signed by the said Sovereigne Burgesses and the Constable of the Castle

David Buller Sovereign

Pa: Duff Constable of the Castle. Rob^t Leathes
Lewes Thompson W^m Crafford David Smith
Arthur: Macartney Edwa Brice Isaac M^cCartney

County }
Antrim }

Att ye Generall Q^r Sessions of the Peace held for the
County aforesaid at Ballymenagh the 10th of January
1704

Inter alia p^rsented as followeth

Whereas many Sheep are stolne in ye County of Antrim the flesh sould in open marktett and the skins concealed soe that the thieves cannot be discovered Wee therefore present that all Mutton that shall hereafter be brought into any marktett within this County that the Skin or Skins of such Mutton with the markes of the same shall soe be brought along with it that the marke of such sheep may be Known whether ear marked or otherwise

Towards Execucion whereof It is ordered by the Court that all such Mutton that shall hereafter be brought to be exposed to sale without the skin or skins and the markes as aforesaid, the said mutton shall be forfeited for the use of the poor where the same is sould whereof all persons concerned are to take notice. dated as aforesaid

This order to be proclaimed and
fixed up in open marktett (Belfast)

Signed by order
Hugh Smith dep clk



July 29. 1704

Gentlemen

By a late Act of Parliament disabling disentors to serve in public office I find it convenient for me to demitt the exercise of Sovereigne in yo^r Corporaⁿ; & therefor as a clause of yo^r Charter inables you I desier you'l please to convene

next Thursday (for the weakness of my brother makes me necessarily absent) and elect one of yo^r number to act as Sovereigne till Mich^t that M^r Macartney comences pursuant to the election at midsummer, he is a gentleman if you think fit may enter upon the trust now.

I am
To the Burgesses of Belfast. Yo^r most humble serv^t
David Buller Sovereign

July 31. 1704

Burgis de } Pursuant to the above Instrument of
Belfast } dimission from the Sovereigne,

We the Burgesses subscribing did conveene and having consulted our Charter what is to be done upon the death of a Sovereign or when the said office by any means whatsoever is vacant, did unanimously elect George M^r Cartney Esq^r to serve as Sovereign during the residue of this currant year and he was duly sworne to the s^d office in the Castle before the Constable or his deputy the day afores^t

Arthur: Macartney Lewes Thompson Edwa Brice,
Jno. Challmers W^m Crafford Neil M^r Neile Rob^t
Leathes David Smith

On Monday the sixth day of August one thousand seven hundred & five the Sovereign and Burgesses mett to choose a free Burgesse in room and place of Mr David Smith Burgess deceased, and did unanimously elect Michael Harrison Esq^r Commissary General of the Musters, a free Burgess in room of the said David Smith, & he was accordingly sworn

Geo: Macartney Sovereign

Pa: Duff Constable of the Castle Rob Leathes
Lewis Thompson

KINGE CHARLES [K] OF SPAINE LETT^s TO HER MAJ^{ty}
ANN QUEEN OF GREAT BRITTAINE & IN THE
YEAR 1706



ADAM my sister, it is allwaies with the uttmest satisfaction that I doe justice to those worthy persons who signalize themselves by their conduct and valour in their Maj^{ty}s service and mine,

My Lord Donegall was remarkably so when alive; and more particularly the last siege of my City of Barcelonie; both in his quicknesse in succouring it from Girona, and the long valliant defence he made in fort Mountjoy where he lost his life, att the assault; it is in a great measure to his memory that I am indebted for the preservation of that capital; and it may be for all the possions I now have in Spain I shall injure yo^r Majesties usuall generosity by offering to recomend to yo^r favour the family of soe worthy a gentleman for I know yo^r Maj^{ty}s inclynacions go to it. I will only add that I shall place all yo^r markes of favour and acknowledgem^t wth yo^r Maj^{ty} will please to bestow on ye ffamily to my own account as well as the remaining obligations I am with the sincere respect gratitude and love &c

To ye Queen of Great Brittain &c

On Saturday the twenty first day of December one thousand seven hundred and six the Sovereign and Burgesses mett to choose a free Burgesse in room & place of Arthur Macartney Burgesse deceased, and did unanimously elect the Hon^{ble} Jno Chichester Esqr second son of the Right Hon^{ble} the late Earle of Donegall a free Burgesse in room and stead of the said Arthur Macartney.

Geo: Macartney Sovereign

Pa: Duff Constable of the Castle Rob^t Leathes
Lewes Thompson

On the seventeenth day of Feby one thous^d seven hundred and seven The Sovereigne and Burgesses then assembled for choosing a free Burgesse in place of M^r Lewis Thompson Burgesse who departed this life on Wednesday the eleventh of this instant They did elect and unanimously choose M^r Nicholas Thetford of Belfast a free Burgesse in place and room of the said M^r Lewis Thompson and at the same time the said M^r Thetford took the oath of a Burgesse and other oaths as usuall

Geo Macartney Sovereign

Henry Ellis James Gurner Roger Haddock
Rob^t Leathes John Hallridge Nath Byrnt Richard
Wilson George Portis

On Thursday the twenty fourth day of April one thousand seven hund^d and seven there was produced to the Sovereign & Burgesses an Instrum^t und^r hand and seal of Isaac M^cCartney one of the free Burgesses of this Burrough resigning the said office in favour of John Hallridge Esq^r upon w^{ch} the said Sovereign & Burgesses did elect and choose the said John Hallridge a free Burgesse of the s^d Burrough in room and place of the s^d Isaac M^cCartney & he was sworne accordingly.

Geo Macartney Sovereign

Rob^t Leathes Lewes Thompson

On the 24th day of June one thousand seven hundred and seven being the day by Charter for electing a Sovereigne of Belfast to serve for one year from Michaelmas next ensuing, Pa^t Duff Esq^r p^resented to the Sovereign & Burgesses a letter from the R^t Hon^{ble} the Countess of Donegall containing a list of Burgesses for the said office dated 10th June who were Michael Harrison Esq^r, Capt Edward Brice and Mr John Chambers & the said election fell upon Capt Edw^d Brice.

The Corporation of Belfast hath power to make By Laws & punish offenders by fines with ye general proviso that nothing shall impover them to act contrary to ye Law of this Kingdom By colour of which within seven years past they have raised a yearly shipmoney tax, by charging two pence per tun on all vessels that carry loading out of their dock notwithstanding ye Dock of Belfast is a free landing place by Act of Parliament. They have also raised several summs of money to oppose ye Establisht minister in ye prosecution of his just right, and compelled his parishoners to bear large proportions by distraining & selling ye goods of those that refused to join in so unlawfull an undertaking

Their presentments are generally made by persons that have little or no Estate or free rents who are Dissentors from ye Church of England their Apploters are seldom if ever sworn equally to assess ye money great part of w^{ch} they charge on y^r free rents of those that have interest in Belfast and liberty thereof even gentlemen that are neither freemen nor trade wth them & who are not concerned in their Corporation whether they dwell in y^r City of Dublin or elsewhere. They refuse copies of their presentments & disbursements to such as are willing to pay any Rate that can be demanded for y^r same & thereby prevent their making it publickly appear how unjust their levies are and how oft they raise money for pretended works & necessities w^{ch} is never applied to y^r same and also have extravagantly they dispose of y^r said money. They have long prevented any endeavours to redress these grievances by threatening to humble all that oppose them.

Resolved

On the question that by ye act to prevent ye further growth of popery ye Burgesses of Belfast are obliged to subscribe the Declaration & receive ye Sacrament according to ye usage of ye Church of Ireland.

Resolved

That ye Burgess ship of such Burgesses of Belfast who have not subscribed ye Declaration & received ye Sacrament pursuant to ye said act are by such neglect become vacant.

A further Question being proposed that ye taking two pence per tun by ye Corporation of Belfast for every ship that comes to ye key of Belfast is arbitrary and illegal and a debate arising thereon

Ordered

That ye Debate be adjourned till to morrow at 12 o'Clock & nothing to intervene

Mercurii 29th Die. Oct' 1707

Ordered

That ye said debate be further adjourned till Saturday next.

Jovis 30th Die Oct' 1707

Ordered

That ye Charter Books of Belfast remaining with ye Clerk of this House be delivered to ye respective persons who brought in ye same

On the twenty eighth day of November one thousand seven hundred and seven Pat Duff Esq^r produced an authority of the 11th instant from the Earle of Donegall & the Countess of Donegall his mother and Guardian constituting him Constable of the Castle of Belfast, Pursuant to w^{ch} he took the oath of a Burgess he being as Constable of the Castle one of the Burgesses by the Charter having at the same time taken the oaths of fidelity & abjuraⁿ & repeated the Declaration.

Geo: Macartney Sovereign

Rob^t Leathes Lewes Thompson John Hallridge

In pursuance of a late vote of the Hon^{ble} House of Comons of Ireland last Session of Parliament the Sovereigne and Burgesses of Belfast Burrough did assemble on the 29th of November one thousand seven hundred and seven to chuse six free Burgesses in the rooms of W^m Crafford & Edw^d Brice Esq^{rs} David Buller Neil Macneile Jno Chalmers and the Hon^{ble} Jno Chichester Esq^r brother to the R^t Hon^{ble} the p^{re}s^{ent} & fourth Earle of Donegall, which said Burgesses have qualified themselves according to the late act of Parliament ag^t the growth of popery; and the said Sovereign & Burgesses did elect Nicholas Thetford Nath Byrt Rich^d Willson George Portis Henry Ellis and James Gurner free Burgesses in room of the aforesaid six who were accordingly sworn except Nich. Thetford who was absent

Geo: Macartney Sovereign

Rob^t Leathes Lewes Thompson John Hallridge

Whereas M^r Nicholas Thetford was at an assembly of the Sovereigne and Burgesses on the twenty ninth of November last elected and chosen a Burgesse of this Corporⁿ and he the said Nicholas Thetford did not take the oath of Burgess^{sh} to the said Corporation within seven days as is required by the said Charter, nor has not within the time limited by the late act of Parliament to prevent the further growth of Popery in taking the oaths [and did not receive] as by the said act is required whereby the said Burgesse place is become vacant, In pursuance of the Charter of Belfast now the Sovereign and Burgesses of Belfast aforesaid did this day assemble themselves being the seventeen

Whereas Mr Nicholas Thetford was at an assembly of the Sovereigne and Burgesses on the twenty ninth day of November last past elected and chosen a Burgesse of this Corporation and he the said Nicholas Thetford did not take the oath of Burgesse to the said Corporaⁿ within seven days as is required by the said Charter nor did not within the time limited by a late act of Parliam^t to prevent the further growth of Popery Record himself to have taken the Sacrament according to the Church of Ireland or take the oaths at the next quarter Sessions as in & by the said act is required whereby the said Burgess-ship is become vacant In persuance of the Charter of Belfast the Sovereign & Burgesses did assemble themselves together on the

seventeenth day of Feby one thousand seven hundred and seven and did then and there elect and choose Rodger Haddock of Carren Bane & Malone gen one of the free Burgesses of this Corporatⁿ in the room and place of the said Nicholas Thetford and he accordingly at the same time tooke the oath of office of Burgesse of Belfast other oath usuall

Geo: Macartney Sovereign

Henry Ellis James Garner Rob^t Leathes John Hallridge Nath Byrnt Richard Wilson George: Portis

December the 4th 1707

On Thursday this day in open Court Rich^d ffingley Jun^r was chosen by the Sovereign Burgesses & Comonality to serve as sergeant at mace in room of Jno ffisher deceased one of the Sergeants and was accordingly sworne to the said office in public Court

Geo Macartney Sovereign

Rob Leathes Lewes Thompson Richard Wilson Henry Ellis

Councillor Macartney *Sovereigne* [his]

Speech to ye Duke of Ormond at his coming to [of] Belfast 1707

May it please Yo^r Grace there [can] *is none* can be [more] more scencie nor have a higher esteeme of this great honor conferred upon us by Yo^r Grace than the members of this Corporation are. and what wee want in words to expresse wee assure Yo^r [Maj^{ty}] Grace wee have in inclynation and it shall ever appeare in our aections of Loyalty to her Maj^{ty} by a constant and firme adherence to ye Crowne of England and the Succession as by Law established; as allsoe in our dutyfull affection to yo^r graces person and Governm^t: this parte of the Country has not ben happy in ye presence of a Chieffe Governor this many Yeares and I make noe doubt but it is the forerunner of a blessing to it indeed; when by Yo^r Graces observation wisdom and great authority, wee may hope for such advantages as may make us as well able as wee are loyall subjects and ready upon all occasions to serve her Maj^{ty}: it is no small misfortune to us, this soe criticall a Jounture to have our Patron absent from us butt when I consider that his person and courage is soe generously and well Employed in her Maj^{ty}: service abroad I cannot tell how to bewaile it and I hope yo^r Grace will except of these assurances of our fidelity from me wth wood have ben much better and strongly inforced from were wee soe happy as to had him amongst us.

A Power given to
Robert Leathes of
Belfast Esqr to be
Constable of the
Castle of Belfast

Know all men by these p^sents That I Arthur Earle of Donegall and with the approbation and consent of Catherine Countesse Dowager of Donegall my mother and Guardian doe hereby constitute and appoint Robert Leathes of Belfast in the County of Antrim Esqr Constable of the Castle of Belfast for and untill the first day of November next and do hereby give and grant to ye said Robert Leathes

full power and authority to exercise the office of Constable for and during the aforesaid term and to doe and performe all matters and things appertaining to the office of Constable of the said Castle and to receive and take the fees and profits thereto of right appertaining and belonging In witness whereof the said Catherine Countess Dowager of Donegall and Arthur Earle of Donegall have hereunto affixed their hands and seals this thirtieth day of August one thousand seven hundred and eight 1708

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of

William Westgarth

Peter Ward

John McNeill Copia vera

K. Donegall

Donegall



HEREAS the Key of the Port of Belfast is greatly out of repaire and ye dock almost closed up with sluch and dirt their being no fund to repaire or cleanse y^e same Wee the Sovereigne Burgesses & Commonality of Belfast aforesaid being very sensible that unlesse some fund or other be procured the same will every day become more ruinous which will greatly impaire the trade as well as p^rjudice and Lessen Her Maj^{ties} Revenue in this place doe make it our request that Samuel Ogle William Craford George McCartney and Edward Brice Esqrs will be pleased to Apply themselves to this present Parlem^t for obtaining an act to lay two pence a Tun upon all goods imported and exported by freemen and three pence a Tun upon all goods imported and exported by foreigners from of the said Key to be a fund for cleansing the Dock and harbour aforesaid and for the more effectuell making and keepinge in repaire the said Key Given und^r o^f hands at Belfast April 27 1709

Signed by ye Sovereign Burgesses and Commonality

Wee the Collector Survey^r and other the officers of the port of Belfast at the request of the Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality of the Corporacon of Belfast aforesaid doe hereby certny that ye Key and Docke of this port is greatly out of repaire and the Docke very much Gorg'd with sluch and dirt w^{ch} obstructs Vessells and Lighters to gett in and out of the same and we are of opinion that if some fund be not procured to keepe in repaire and cleanse the same in some little time the Docke will be so choked up that Lighters will scarcely gett in and out to load and unload their goods upon the Key w^{ch} will be a great discouragm^t to ye trade of this place and may lessen Her Maj^{ties} Revenue therein dated at Belfast this 28 April 1709

On the seventh day of May 1709 the Sovereign and Burgesses then assembled for choosinge a free Burgesse in place of Michael Harrison Esqr deceased Burgess who departed this life in England the twenty third day of April 1709 they did elect and unanimously choose Mr George Macartney attorney a free Burgesse in place and room of the said Michael Harrison and at the same time the said Mr George Macartney took ye oath of a Burgesse as usual

Rob^t Leathes Geo Macartney George Portis

HEADS of A Bill for finishing the Key and Clensing and Keeping in reparaire the harbour and dock of Belfast Anno 1709

Whereas the port of Belfast in ye Province of Ulster hath by longe experience been found to be of great Importance to her Maj^{ty} Revenue Trade in generall and to the benefit and advantage of all the Countyes adjoyneing thereunto

And Whereas the Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonalty of Belfast have for many yeares at great expences maintained and repaired the Key on both sides the River and by continuall clensing and scouring the Dock and in [reparaire] keeping up perches on the sides of the Channell of the harbour there have preserved a free and open passage for boats [lighters] Gabbards Lighters and other vessells to come up and discharge their Lading at the same Key w^{ch} expenses they were enabled to defray by a certaine Tunnage w^{ch} the Merchants and Traders there voluntarily consent and agree to pay for that end and purpose

And whereas the said paym^t for want of the authority of Parliament has ben of late discontinued and the great unavoidable charge w^{ch} is dayly necessary for preserving the said port is become unsupportable by the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality who have not nor ever had any Lands or Revenue belonging to them whereby the saide Key is become ruinous and the Dock and Channell choaked up to such a degree as that the said port and harbour so beneficial must inevitably in a little time become Inaccessible to ye determ^t of her Maj^{ty} the great prejudice of Trade and the utter ruine and Impoverishing of the Inhabitants and adjacent Countyes

ffor Remedy whereof may it please your most Excellent Maj^{ty} at the humble request of the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality of Belfast that it may be enacted and wee pray it may be enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Ma^{ty} by and with the consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall and Comons in this *present* Parliament Assembled and by Authority of the same that from and after the first day of August in this present yeare of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and nine all British and Irish ships Employed or made use of to import or export any goods or merchandizes out of or into the said port of Belfast (Ships in pay of Her Ma^{ty} her heirs or Successors only excepted) shall pay to the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality of Belfast and their Successors or to such person or persons as shall be by them appointed to receive the same for their use Two pence per Tunn for every Tunn such ship or ships shall be burthen and for every Foreigne ship or ships so employed or made use of to import or export any goods or merchandizes out of or Into the said port of Belfast shall pay as aforesaid three pence per Tunn for every Tunn such shipp or ships shall be burthen w^{ch} Tunnage as well in British and Irish shippes as in foreign ships shall be computed by outward gageing of the said shippes respectively and not otherwise and ye person or persons for ye time being appointed to receive the said Tunnage is and are hereby Impowered to make such outward gauge of all and every such ship or ships as they shall have occasion for the doeing thereof

And to the end that the said respective duties of Tunnage w^{ch} shall become due by vertue of this Act may be effectually levied and paid as aforesaid wee pray that it may be further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that noe officer of Her Maj^{ty} Customhouse in Belfast from and after the said first day of August one thousand seven hundred and nine shall cleare or discharge any ship or ships or permit any ship or ships outward bound to saile till the Comander or Master thereof shall have brought a discharge from the officer for the time being appointed to receive the said duties of Tunnage, Testifying such ship or ships to have paid their Tunnage w^{ch} discharge on paying the said Tunnage shall be immediately granted and made without fee or reward fraud or delay and in case of refusal or delay the officer refusing or delaying shall forfeit five pounds sterl for every such refusal or delay to the Master or Comander of such ship to be recovered in a summary way before the Sovereigne of

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cleared out
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the said Towne of Belfast for the time being to be levied by distresse to be made by warrant of the said Sovereigne and by a sale of the goods and Charles of such officer so refusing or detaininge to give such discharge

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dock & channel
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Perches

And wee pray it may be further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all and every the summ and summs of money arising growing due or levied by vertue of this Act (the salary and necessary expences of the officer appointed as aforesaid to receive the said Tunnage only excepted) shall from time to time and at all times hereafter be applied to and laid out in mending finishing [the] and keeping the said key of Belfast on both sides the River in good and sufficient repair and in scovering the said Dock and keeping it passable at all times for boats Gabbarts Lighters and other vessells to come up and discharge at the said key and in cleansing the Channel of the harbour and keeping Perches therein for the ease safety and conveniency of shippes resorting to the said port.

Sovereign to
call a meeting
of y^e Corp^s &
Commonality
in Nov^r &
summon y^e
Collector &c
to account &
inspect them
from time to
time

And to the end the money w^{ch} shall be received by vertue of this Act may be duly applied to ye intent and purposes herein and hereby before mentioned and intended wee pray it may be further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Sovereigne of Belfast for the time being shall every year summon an assembly of all the Burgesses and Commonality of the said Corporacon of Belfast to meet on Thursday following the first day of November And the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality so assembled shall summon or call before them the Collector and Receiver of the duties of Tunnage hereby granted and all and every other person or persons who shall be Employed in the disbursement of the same or otherwise in the Execution of this Act and require them to give and render upon oath a Just and true account of all the money w^{ch} shall be soe received and of the disbursement and application thereof from time to time and the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality or such persons as they shall appoint for that purpose shall from time to time inspect such accounts and cause them to be entered fairly in a booke w^{ch} shall be kept among the Publick records and writings belonging to the said Corporacon of Belfast And the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality of Belfast so Assembled aforesaid are hereby empowered to adjourn themselves from time to time and to make and give such orders Rules and directions for the due application of the moneys aforesaid to the ends and purposes Intended by this act as to them or the major part of them shall seem reasonable and convenient And in case the said Sovereigne for the time being shall refuse or neglect to call and appoint a Generall Court of Assembly to be held as aforesaid or the Collector or Receiver of the said duties of Tunnage or any other person or persons who shall be employed in the disbursement of any of the moneys w^{ch} shall be soe received shall neglect or refuse to give in their accounts as aforesaid the Sovereigne and person or persons soe making default shall respectively shall forfeit and pay the sume of one hundred pounds sterl one moyety thereof to such person as sue for the same the other moyety to ye said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality for the uses above mentioned to be received by action of debt in any of her Ma^{ties} Courts of Record in this Kingdom

and to give
directions for
y^e application
of y^e money

The collector
or Sovereign
neglecting or
refusing to
account to
forfeit £100
each

the Sovereign
out of y^e first
profits to pay
y^e expenses of
this act

Provided allwayes and wee pray it may be further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality [aforesaid] of Belfast shall out of the first profits payable and arising out of or from the saide duties of Tunnage hereby granted pay or cause to be paid all such sumes of money as shall be necessary to defray the expences of passing this bill.

The Sovereign
not to exact
any sum or
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Keyage or
wharfrage after
passing y^e act

Provided allwayes and wee pray it may further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from and after the said first day of August one thousand seven hundred and nine that the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality shall not exact or demand any sum or sumes of money for Keyage or Wharfrage on the said Kea of Belfast from any Marchant or Trader for any goods or Merchandizes to be shipt of or Landed on ye said Key of Belfast but that all Marchants and Traders there shall in lieu and consideration of the said duty of Tunnage hereby granted be at all times hereafter freed and exempted from paying Keyage or Wharfrage for any goods to be exported or Imported into the said port of Belfast

Sovereign to
plead & use y^e
act as a public
act

And we pray it may be further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Sovereign Burgesses and Commonality of the Corporation of Belfast and the officer or officers by them employed to receive the duties hereby granted shall be at liberty to plead and make use of this Act in all or any of Her

Majties Courts of Justice in like manner as if the same were a publick Act of Parliam^t and the same as a publique Act shall be esteemed deemed and taken in all Courts of Justice in this Kingdom

Surplus after
finishing Key
& clearing y^e
Harbour to be
applied to
Bridges
pavements
water pipes &
other public
works

Provided Allwayes that if their shall be any surplus of money arising from or by such Tunnage after finishing the Key and clearing the said Dock or Harbour the same shall be applied for ever hereafter in y^e first place towards the support and repaires of the Publick Bridges Pavements and water pipes within the said Towne of Belfast and repairinge the Markett house within the said Towne the remainder thereof if any shall be to be applied by the said Corporacon with the consent and approbation of the Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast and his heires or such other person or persons as be Lord or propriator of the Castle of Belfast or the guardian of such Earle or propriator if he be under age such consent appearing by Instrument under his or their hands and seales to other publick workes and uses within the said Town of Belfast

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And for the more Effectuall preventing of all misapplication of the said money arising by such Tunnage as aforesaid wee pray it may be further enacted that it shall and may be Lawfull to and for the Earle of Donegall and his heires or other Lord or Proprietor of the Castle of Belfast or the Guardian of such Earle or propriator if hee shall bee under age And he and they are hereby Impowered and Authorized by vertue of this Act once every yeare to Inspect and examine the Accounts of such Receipts and disbursement^s as have ben made of the money arising by such Tunnage as aforesaid in the preceding year And if any person or persons who by the Act is or are impowered have received or disposed of any part of the said money otherwise than to such uses as by this Act is directed and appointed he or they shall forfeit the treble value of such money so misapplied to be sued for by Civill bill or by plaint or Information in any of her Maj^{ties} four Courts at Dublin in w^{ch} no Essoynⁿ Protection nor wager at Law nor more then one Imparllance shall be allowed the one moyety thereof to goe to the use of the poor of the Parish of Belfast the other moyety to go to such person as shall sue for the same in manner aforesaid And if any of the persons or bodyes Politick aforesaid shall refuse or neglect when required yearly to lay the said Accounts before the said Earle of Donegall or other Proprietor of the said Castle of Belfast or his or their guardian when under age as aforesaid he and they shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds to be sued for and recovered and to be applied in manner aforesaid and the deth or deth against whom such recovery shall be had shall pay treble costs.



N Act for finishing the Key and Cleansing and Keeping in Repair the Harbour and Dock of Belfast

Its great
importance

Whereas the port of Belfast in the Province of Ulster hath [ben] by long Experience *ben* found to be of great Importance to her Maj^{ties} Revenue Trade in General and to the benefit and advantage of all the Countyes adjoyneing thereunto

An Whereas the Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of Belfast have for many yeares at great expences maintained and repaired the key on both sides the River and by continuall cleansing and scowering the Dock and in keeping up perches on the (*sic*) of the Channell of the Harbour there have preserved a free and open passage for boats Gabbards Lighters and other vessell to come up and discharge their Lading att the said Key w^{ch} Expences they were enabled to defray by a certaine Tonnage w^{ch} the Marchants and traders to and from the said port did voluntarily consent and agree to pay for that end and Purpose

And Whereas the said payment for want for want (*sic*) of the Authority of Parliamt to levy and raise the same has benn of late discontinued the great unavoidable charge w^{ch} is dayly necessary for preservinge the said Port cannot be borne by the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonalty who have not nor ever had any land or certaine Revenue belonging to them whereby the said key is become Ruinous and the Dock and Channell choked up to such a degree as that the said Port and Harbour so beneficiall must Inevitably in a litle time become Inaccessable to the detern^t of her Ma^{ties} the great prejudice of Trade and Impoverishinge of the Inhabitants and adjacent Countyes

For Remedy whereof may it please yo^r most Excellent Majestie at the humble request of Arthur Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle and Proprietor of the Towne and Libertyes of Belfast and alsoe at the request of the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality of the said Towne that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majestie and by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall and Comons in this present Parliament assembled and by authority of the same that from and after the first day of September in the present yeare of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and nine all ships of the built of Great Brittain or of this Kingdom Employed or made use of to [trans]port or Export any goods or marchandizes of or into the said port of Belfast (ships in pay of her Maj^{ty} or heires or Successors only excepted) shall pay to the Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality of the said Towne of the said Towne (*sic*) the same to be received by such person or persons as shall be appointed to receive ye same in manner and forme hereinafter mentioned and to and for the uses herein after directed two pence per Tunn for every Tunn such ship or ships shall be burthen and for every Forreigne Ship or Ships so Employed or made use of to Import or Export any goods or Marchandize out of or into the Port of Belfast shall pay aforesaid three pence per Tunn for every Tunn wth ship or ships shall be (*sic*) Burthen wth Tunnage as well of the built of great Brittain or of this Kingdom as in foreigne ships shall be computed by outward gageing of the said ships respectively and not otherwise and the person or persons for the time being appointed to receive the said Tunnage is and are hereby Impowred to make such outwarge Gage of all and every such ship or ships as the shall have occasion for the doing thereof.

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And to the end that the said respective duties of Tunnage wth shall become due by virtue of this Act may be effectually Leavyed and paid as aforesaid Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that noe officer of her Maj^{ty} Custom house in Belfast from and after the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and nine shall clear or discharge any ship or ships or permit any ship or ships outward bound to saile till the Comander or Master thereof shall have brought a discharge from the officer for the time being appointed to receive the said *duty* of Tunnage testifying such ship or ships to have paid their Tunnage wth discharge or paying the said Tonnage shall be immediatly granted or made without favor Reward fraud or delay and in case of refusall or delay the officer refuseing or delaying shall forfeit five pounds sterling for every such refusall or delay to ye Master or Comander of such ship to be recovered in a sumari way before the Sovereigne of the said Towne of Belfast for the time being to be leavyed by distresse to be made by warrant of the said Sovereigne or in his absence by warrant of some of the Justice of the Peace in or neere the said Towne who is hereby Impowred and required to issue such warrant and by sale of the goods and chattes of such officer so refuseing or delaying to give such discharge

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all & every the sume and sumes of money arising or growing due or levied by virtue of this Act the sallary and necessary expences of the officer appointed as aforesaid to receive the said Tunnage and gauge the said ships not exceeding in the whole twenty five pounds per Ann onely excepted) shall from time to time and at all times hereafter be applied to and laid out in mending finishing and keeping the said Key of Belfast on both sides the River in good and sufficient repaire and in scouring the said Dock and keeping it passable at all times for boats Cabbards Lighters and other Vessells to come up and discharge at ye said Key and cleansing the Channell of the Harbour and keeping perches therein for the ease safety and conveniency for shippes resorting to ye said Port

And to the end the money wth shall be received by virtue of this Act may be daily applied to the Intents and purposes herein and hereby before mentioned and Intended Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Sovereigne of Belfast for the time being shall every yeare summon an assembly of the said Corporation of Belfast to meet on thursday following the first day of November and the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonality so Assembled shall summon or call before them the Collector or Receiver of the duty of Tunage hereby granted and all and every [the] other person or persons who shall be imployed in the disbursement of the same or otherwise in the execution of this Act and

require them to give and Render upon oath and Just and true account of all the money w^{ch} shall be soe received and of the disbursements and application thereof from time to time and the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty or such person as shall be appointed for that purpose shall from time to time inspect such accounts and cause them to be entered fairly in a booke w^{ch} shall be kept amonge the publike Records and writings belonging to the said Corporation of Belfast.

And the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of Belfast soe assembled as aforesaid are hereby Impowered to adjourne themselves from time to time and to make and give such orders Rules and directions for the due application of the money aforesaid to the ends and purposes intended by this act as to them or the major part of them shall seem Reasonable and convenient And in case the said (*sic*) Sovereigne for the time being shall refuse or neglect to call and appoint a Generall Court of Assembly to be held as aforesaid or ye Collector or Receiver of the said duty of Tunnage or any other person or persons who shall be Employed in the disbursement of any of the money w^{ch} shall be so received shall neglect or refuse to give in their accounts as aforesaid the said Sovereigne and person or persons soe making default shall respectively forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds sterl one moyety thereof to such person as shall sue for the same the other moyety to ye said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty for the uses above mentioned to be recovered by action of debt in any of her Ma^{ties} Courts of Record in this Kingdom

Provided Allways and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of Belfast shall out of the first money and profits payable and arising out of or from the said duty of Tunnage hereby granted pay or cause to be paid all such sumes of money as shall be necessary to defray the expences of passing this Act.

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from it

Provided allways and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that from and after the said first day of September one thousand seven hundred and nine that the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty shall not exact or demand any sume or sumes of money for Keyage or wharfage on ye said Key of Belfast from any Marchant or Trader for any goods or marchandizes to be shipt of or Landed on the said Key of Belfast but that all marchants and Traders their shall in leiu and consideration of the said duty of Tunnage hereby granted be at all times hereafter freed and exempted from paying keyage or wharfage for any goods to be Exported or Imported into the said [dock] Port of Belfast

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of the Corporation of Belfast and the officer or officers Employed to Receive the duties hereby granted shall be at Liberty to plead and make use of this Act in all or any of her Ma^{ties} Courts of Justice in like manner as if the same were a publick Act of Parliament and the same as a Publick Act shall be esteemed and taken in all Courts of Justice in this Kingdom

Provided Allways that there shall be any surplus of money Arising from or by such Tunnage after finishing the Key and censing the said Dock or harbour the same shall be Applied for ever hereafter in the first place towards the support and Repaire of the publick Bridges Pavements and water pips within the said Towne of Belfast and repairing the Markett house within the said Towne of Belfast the Remainder if any shall be applied by the said Corporation with the consent and approbation of the said Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast and his heires or such other person or persons as shall be Lord or proprietor of the Castle of the Castle (*sic*) of Belfast or the guardian of such Earle or proprietor if he be under age such consent appearing by Instrum^t under his or their hands and seales to and for the publike workes and uses within the said Towne of Belfast

And for the more effectually preventing of all misapplication of the said money arising by such Tunnage aforesaid Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Earle of Donegall and his heires or other Lord proprietor of the Castle of Belfast the Guardian of such Earle or proprietor if he shall be under age and he and they are hereby Impowed and Authorized by vertue of this Act once every yeare to inspect and

examine the Account of such receipts and disbursements as have ben made of the money arising by such Tunage as aforesaid in the preceding year.

And if any person or persons who by this Act is or are impowed or have received or disposed of the money thereby raised or any part thereof shall have employed or disposed of any part of the said money otherwise then to such uses as by this Act are directed and appointed he or they shall forfeit the treble value of such money so misapplied to be sued for by action of debt Bill plainte or Information in any of her Ma^{ty} four Courts at Dublin in w^{ch} no Esseigne Protection or wager at Law nor more than one Imparience shall be allowed the one moyety thereof to goe to and be paid to the Minister and Churchwardens for the use of the poore of the Towne of Belfast the other moyety to goe to such person as shall sue for the same in manner aforesaid and if any of the persons or Bodies Poletick aforesaid shall refuse or neglect when required yearly to lay the accounts before the said Earle of Donegall or other Proprietor of the said Castle of Belfast or his or their Guardian when under age as aforesaid he and they shall forfeit and pay the sume of one hundred pounds to be sued for and recovered and to be applied when Recovered in manner aforesaid and the Defendant or Defendants against whom such Recovery shall be had shall pay treble costs Provided allways and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Collector or Receiver to be appointed for receiving the duties arising by such Tunnage as aforesaid shall be annually chosen in manner following and not otherwise that is to say the said Lord or Proprietor or Proprietors of the Castle of Belfast for the time being his her or their guardian in case he she or they shall be under age shall and may by Authority of this Act nominate three of the Burgesses of the said Corporation of Belfast and present them every thursday next after the twenty fourth day of June to the Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of Belfast out of w^{ch} said Burgesses one named as aforesaid the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of Belfast shall and may and the are hereby Required annually on the said day to chuse one to be Collector of the said duties for the ensuing year to enter into office on the feast day of St. Michael the Archangell next ensuing such Election and be accountable for his Receipts and paymts thereof as well to the Lord or to the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Castle of Belfast for the time being his her or their Guardian (in case of minority as likewise to the Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of Belfast in such manner as in and by this Act is prescribed

Provided Allways and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Nathaniell Byrrt one of the Burgesses of Belfast shall by the Authority of this Act be and is hereby declared to be Collector of the duties aforesaid and soe shall continue till the twenty ninth day of September which shall be in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and tenn and be accountable in manner aforesaid unlesse in case of death or removall in w^{ch} case & as often as that shall happen from time to time it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Lord or to or for the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Castle of Belfast for the time being his her or their Guardian in case he shee or they shall be under age within twenty dayes next after the death or removall of any Collector or Receiver of the Duties of Tunnage aforesaid to nominate three other Burgesses of the said Town of Belfast out of w^{ch} the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of Belfast shall and may and they are hereby required to name a Collector to receive the duties arising by such Tunnage for and until a new Collector shall be nominated and chosen in such manner as by this Act prescribed in his place and shall take upon him the execution of his office as abovesaid which new Collector shall be accountable in such manner to the Lord or to the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Castl of Belfast for the time being his her or their Guardian in case of Minorities and likewise to the Sovereigne Burgesses and Commonalty of Belfast as the deceased or removed Collector or Receiver should or ought to have been and is by this Act prescribed

Provided Allsoe and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in case the Lord or the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Castle of Belfast or his her or their Guardian in case of minority shall not on every thursday next after the twenty fourth day of June nominate three Burgesses of the said Corporation of Belfast or shall not within the space of twenty dayes after the death or Removall of any receiver or Collector so nominated and Ellected nominate

All this is
added

three *other* Burgesses of the said Corporation of Belfast or shall not within the space of twenty days after the death or Removall of any receiver or Collector soe nominated and Ellected nominate three *other* Burgesses of the said Corporation as aforesaid that then in such case and as often as shall soe happen it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality of Belfast in default thereof to proceed to (*sic*) a Collector or Receiver of the said Duties of Tunnage to continue for and untill another Collector or receiver of the said Duties of Tunnage shall be nominated by the Lord Proprietor or Proprietors of the Castle of Belfast his her or their Guardian in case of minority and Ellected by the Sovereigne Burgess and Comonality of Belfast and take upon him the execution of his office wth Collector or receiver soe to be Ellected by the Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality of Belfast shall be accountable in such manner and to such persons as any Collector nominated by the Lord or by the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Castle of Belfast his *her* or their Guardian in case of minority should or ought to have been And *in* case such Lord or [by the] Proprietor or proprietors of the Castle of Belfast his her or their Guardian (in case of minority) should or ought to have been (*sic*) and in case such Lord or Proprietor or proprietors his her or their guardian in case of minority shall neglect to make such nomination to the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality within the respective times hereinbefore limited for such nomination That then *in* [and] every such case upon every such neglect the said Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality are hereby authorized to nominate and Ellect such person to be Collector and Receiver of the said Duties as they shall think fitt who shall continue therein untill the time for the annuall nomination and Ellection of such Receiver or Collector his hereby appointed and directed respectively with the same power and Authority to collect and receive the said Duties as [to] the annuall Collector and Receiver of the said duties should have don

And in case of the death or removall of any such Receiver or Collector that ye Collector of her Ma^{ty} Revenue in Belfast shall be and is hereby required Authorized and Impowered to receive the said severall duties untill a new Collector and receiver thereof shall be nominated and Ellected as aforesaid.

And in case the Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality shall neglect to— to make choice of a Collector or receiver of the said severall duties within three days after such nomination the said Lord or by the Proprietor or proprietors of the Castle of Belfast his her or their Guardian (in case of minority out of the said three Burgesses so to be nominated by such Lord or Proprietor or Proprietors of the Castle of Belfast his her or their Guardian as aforesaid then and soe often and in every such case upon every such [case] neglect It is hereby Enacted that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord or Proprietor or proprietors of the Castle of Belfast his her or their Guardian as aforesaid under his her their hand and seale to nominate and appointe such one person of the said Burgesses to be Collector and receiver of the said severall duties hereby granted and to continue therein from the time of such appointm^t untill the time for the annuall nomination and Ellection of such Collector and receiver shall next happen

And every such Collector or receiver are hereby Enacted to be accountable for the said severall duties to such person and in the same manner as the Annuall Collector and receiver thereof are hereby directed and required

Provided [that] Allwayes that this Act shall continue and remaine in force for the space of twenty one yeares and to the end of the next Session of Parliam^t and noe longer



BRIEF in Behalfe of the Corporacon of Belfast

The designe of this Bill is to supply the Inconveniences that the Towne of Belfast lyes under in being deprived of the Tunnage the heretofore had by vertue of a Bylaw made by consent of the Lord of the Castle for keeping the Key the Dock and harbour in repaire.

This duty is in a maner a Tax upon the Tradeing men of the Corporation wth they are willingly to pay for the incuragem^t of their Trade soe as it may be in such hands as they may be assured will applye it for the advantage of Trade.

In all grants for the benefitts of Corporacons the grant is made and the managem^t thereof is intrusted to the care of the Corporation who are to reape the benefit thereof and to suppose they will misaplye it as it layes a great imputation on them, soe it is without president to place it into any other hand

The Corporation have hitherto given sufficient Testimony of applying that duty to the repaire of the Key and since it is not in ye power of any person to show that ever there was one farthing misaplyed there no reason to doubt their care therein for the future.

The Lord of the Castle have ben heretofore allwayes inclynable to encourage the trade thereof and never interposed in any affaire relating to their Trade And as the Lords of the Castle can never be supposed to be consant in affaires of Trade soe they never interfered with the marchants therein

The person to receive ye money and the method of laying it out was allwayes intrusted to ye Corporation and the late Lord Donegall nor any of his predissors Lords of the Castle never had ever desired to have any hand in the managem^t thereof.

The Corporation is willing to live easily mind their businesse and to have a good correspondence with the Lord of the Castle and they apprehend to Lett the Lord of the Castle have any hand in the managem^t of this duty will be means to creat misunderstanding between the Castle and them.

Its proposed as amendm^t to the Bill that the Lord of the Castle doe yearly present 3 Burgesses and the Corporation to chuse one of them to collect and be accountable to the Lord of Castle and the Corporation

Wee doe apprehend that is to give the intire disposall of the duty to the Lord of the Castle [& doe yearly present 3 burgesses of the Corporation to chuse one of them to be collector & to be accountable to ye said Lord of the Castle & the Corporacon] for by this means none can be Collector but by favour of the Castle and consequently will be intirely under his Governmt

if the Lord of the Castle should have the name^{ng} of 3 Burgesses whereof the Corporacon is to chuse one the Corporacon will have no choice for by the Charter the Lord of the Castle make whom he pleaseth Constable of the Castle and he by vertue of his office is allwayes a Burgesse the Constable of the Castle is allwayes the Lords sarvant

They have named Mr Byrt to be Collector & hereafter they may name him and Capt John Chichester one of the family who is above attending such an office and the Constable of the Castle who are Burgesses or they name two with one whom they have a mind should be Collector what election then have the Corporation

Suppose the Lord of the Castle name Burgesses who are insolvent and Imbessell the money who shall answer it to the Corporacon besides people wont dare to call him strictly to account or to prosecute him for any mismanagem^t being the creature of a great man for feare of disoblidgeing

The nameing of 3 to be Collectors will be like the nameing of 3 to be Sovereigne the Lord of the Castle putt a marke upon the one he would have chosen Sovereigne and w^hoe ever votes for any other is ill look'd upon by the Castle this wee have found by experience and may reasonably expect the like treatment for the future

The cause of the present misunderstanding between the Castle and the Towne is because the Towne would not consent to give up the intire managem^t of the Corporacon in making Burgesses chusing a Sovereigne and electing such persons to serve in Parliam^t as were recommended to them by the Castle.

As to ye Limitation of 21 yeares its altogether unreasonable to make Temporary provision when the charge of keeping up the Key and cleansing the Dock and Channel will be perpetual.

The clause w^{ch} requires the Collector to account before the Lord of the Castle and the Corporacon may create great confusion for by this meanes if the Lord of the Castle and the Corporacon doe not both of them approve of the Accounts the Collector who is lyable to penaltys cannot be discharged and good men will be frightned from serving.

Wee have complimented the Lord of the Castle with haveing the Accounts layed before them one every yeare by w^{ch} they will have an opportunity of [sueing for the penalty and taking care] seeing whether there be any mis-

managemēt or misapplicacion and thereby have an oppertunity of sueing for the penalty and taking care that the intent of the Act be pursued and noebody will dare to tripp when they know they are to undergo such an Inquisition.

Wee had severall meeting upon this occasion before the Bill passed the house of Comons and this business of the Collector was looked upon soe unreasonable that they did thinke fit spe much as to putt it into the Clause he brought into the house butt they expressing some Jealousy as to the surplus if there should be any that the Corporacon might make a fund of it and *aff* some time or other perhapps make use of it against the family to convince that that wee had nothing in our view butt a publick good wee complimented them with leaveing it in my Lord Donegalls power to putt a negative upon the applicacion of the surplus money, if they are not content with this the Corporacon will not consent to under the Tax unless they may be at liberty to dispose of it for the benefit of their trade.

Nota,

That there can be no parity of reason because the Lord Donegall has a power by the Charter to name 3 to be Sovereigne that he should here have power to name 3 to be Collector because the Sovereigne is the principall person in the Corporacon and that was a trust reposed in him by the Crown when there was not above 3 or 4 houses in the Town and the protestant Interest was not well established in that part of the Countrey to keepe Corporacon stanch in their allegiance and in the Intrest of England butt even the Crown did not thinke fit to grant any larger power for the election of the Burgesses and the choosinge of all the Inferiour officers and Sarvants of the Corporacon such as this Collector must be is left intirely to ye Corporacon without the Castle and therefore to grant him this power now would be giving him more then every any of his predecessours Lords of the Castle [and therefore] ever claimed or had and would be an Innovacion upon ye Corporacon

If it be objected that ye Corporacon cannot make a by Law without the consent of the Lord of ye Castle it is true they cannot butt when it is once made a by Law the Lord of the Castle as nothing to doe further with it or any power in the execution of it nor did any of the Lords of the Castle ever interfere in ye execution of the by Law which is now proposed to be confirmed by an Act of Parliam^t. Soe the single question is whether the Lord of the Castle or rather indeed now whether the Legislature do thinke this is a reasonable law and will be for the advantage of trade and her Ma^{ties} Revenue if so the Lord of the Castle ought to have no more to doe with it upon any pretence of any power from the Charter then he has in the execution of any other of the by Lawes or then any other of his predecessors ever had.



HIS is to certifie all whom it may concern that I John Jay now Residenter in Belfast in y^e County of Antrim in y^e Kingdom of Ireland aged about seventy eight or seventy nine years born att Scabee in Yorkshire in England am y^e son of George Jay y^e Elder brother of Sucklin Jay who gott into y^e Estate of Helveston four miles from Norwich in y^e County of Norfolk after my fathers death and in my minority and I afterwards growing to be about sixteen years of age listed myself a souldier in Croumwell's army came for this Kingdom and am here settled and finding myself antient and uncapable of travell and knowing had Justice and Equity took place y^e Estate of Helveston afors^d should have fallen to me and being sensible of my negligence and knowing my Brothers son y^e Bearer hereof to be lawfull heir of y^e said Helveston after my decease thinks myself bound in conscience I having no children to make known to him y^e Reality of y^e said concern as by letters from me he hath received and cannot butt declare and testifie that y^e said Bearer George Jay is y^e Lawfull begotten son of my Brother George Jay born in London in y^e little Mineris in y^e year one thousand six hundred seventy and two and have therefore on that account given y^e said George Jay my nephew full power and Authority as by a letter of Attourney in his Custody doth more fully appear to sue for y^e said Estate of Helveston durieng my life and I do further testifie and declare that no person or persons whatsoever rec^d from me

or by my order any writings to recover y^e premisses for y^e certainty whereof I have sett to my hand and seal the 18th day of May one thousand seven hundred and ten 1710

John Jay

Burr^d de } We ye Sovereign Burgesses and firemen of ye Burrough
Belfast } afores^d in ye County of Antrim in Ireland

Do hereby certifie to all whom it may concern that y^e above John Jay an antient and honest Inhabitant of this Burrough has signed sealed and delivered to his Brothers son George Jay y^e above contents wth a letter of Attourney to sue for y^e right of y^e s^d John Jay.

Given under our hands and seale of y^e s^d Burrough this 18th day of May 1710

Roger Haddock Sove^r

John Craford Hen: Shads Rob: Leathes James Gurner Nicholas
Thettford George Portiss

Know all men by these presents that I John Jay of Belfast in y^e County of Antrim in y^e Kingdome of Ireland do hereby nominate constitute ordaine and appoint George Jay (my Brothers son) of Belturbett in y^e County of Cavan in y^e afores^d Kingdome my true and Lawfull attourney for me and in my name stead and place to enter into and take possession of all that messuage Lands tenements and hereditaments (or Estate) called Helveston for (sic) miles from Norwich in y^e County of Norfolk in England & also for me & in my name to sue forth and prosecute against any person or persons whatsoever any writ or writts action or actions as to him shall seem meett for y^e recovering or obtaining the possession or seizing of y^e premisses or any part thereof & further do & execute all & every such act or thing tending to y^e recovery of my Estate & right in y^e said messuage & lands or any part thereof and further I do hereby give and grant unto my said attourney full and whole power & authority from me & in my name stead & place to make and conclude with any person or persons any agreeent whatsoever tuching ye premisses in as full & ample manner as I myself could do in my own person & I will ratifie & confirm whatsoever my said attourney shall Lawfully do in persurance of these presents In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal this 18th day of May 1710

John Jay

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

Roger Haddock Sove^r

Rob Leathes John Craford James Gurner Nicholas Thettford
George Portiss Hen: Shads

On the eighth day of December one thousand seven hundred and Eleven the Sovereign and Burgesses then assembled for choosing a free Burgess in place of Mr Richard Willson Burgess who departed this life on Sunday the second day of December Instant they did elect and unanimously choose Hans Hamilton Esq^r a free Burgess in his place and room And at the same time the said Mr Hamilton took the oath of a Burgess as Usual

Roger Haddock Sover^r

Rob Leathes Geo Macartney John Halridge
Nicholas Thettford George: Portis James Gurner
Geo: Macartney

To the Sovereigne & Burgesses of the Corporation of Belfast

Whereas I Roger Haddock of Carranbane in the County of Downe one of the Burgesses of the s^d Corporation am by my own private affairs and by other business in which I am engaged prevented from giving due attendance or doing such service to the s^d Corporation as I am inclined to doe Now I the said Roger Haddock doe for the reasons afores^d by these presents Surrender & give up to the s^d Sovereigne & Burgesses my Burgesship which I desire they will be pleased to accept of & dispose of the same to such person as they shall think most capable to serve the s^d Corporation In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand & seale the 14th day of Novembr 1713

Roger Haddock Ja: Wallace Ter: Dogherty John Murray Copia vera

We the Sovereign and Burgesses having been assembled to Elect and choose a free Burgess to serve in the room of Mr Roger Haddock of Carranbane who resigned his place of Burgess which resignation did first come to our hands the seventh of December one thousand seven hundred and thirteen We did unanimously choose Mr. Robert Le Byrnt of Belfast a free Burgess of this Corporation in his room the same day And whereas the said Robert Le Byrnt hath been hitherto hindered from taking the oath of a Burgess by reason of his being detained in Dublin he haveing been sent thither to the Parliam^t with the Records of this Corporation by the Sovereign of this Burrough we do therefore now confirm the said Election and he hath this day accordingly taken the oath of a Burgess before us As witness our hands this twenty eighth day of December one thousand seven hundred and thirteen

Robert Leathes Sovereigne

Nath: Byrnt Henry Ellis George Portis James Gurner Nicholas Thettford Thos: Banks

This day at an Assembly of the Sovereign and Burgesses of the Burrough of Belfast M^r Thomas Banks was sworn [Burgess] *as being* Constable of the Castle of Belfast before us as witness our hands the twenty eighth day of December one thousand seven hundred & thirteen

Rob^t Leathes Sovereigne

Nath: Byrnt Henry Ellis George Portis James Gurner Nicholas Thettford

29th day of January 1714

Att a Court then holden wee the Sovereign and Burgesses by the experience and good opinion wee have had & do

still have unto Robert Lebyrtt a Burgess of this Burrough have elected & chosen him to be our Town Clerk during his honest carrying and upright behaviour in the said place and have given him a pattennt for the same under our hands & the Comon Seal of Town

James Gurner Sovereign

Robt Leathes Nath: Byrtt George Portis Henry
Ellis Nicholas Thettford Tho: Banks Constable
of the Castle

We the Sovereign and Burgesses having been assembled to Elect and chose a free Burgess to serve in ye Room of James Macartney Esq: one of the Judges of his Maj^{ties} Court of Common Pleas in Ireland who resigned his place of Burgess (which resignation came to our hands the sixteenth day of August 1715 and dated the said day) we did unanimously choose Edward Clements Esq: a free Burgess of this Corporation in his room same day and the said Edward Clements hath this day accordingly taken the oath of a Burgess Wherefore we do confirm the said Election und: our hands this said 16 day of August 1715

James Gurner Sovereign

Robt Leathes Jn^o Ech: Chichester Geo:
Macartney John Hallridge Nath: Byrtt Henry
Ellis George: Portis Nicholas Thettford Geo:
Macartney Robt: Lebyrtt

At an assembly held in the Burrough of Belfast by the Soverⁿ and Burgesses of the said Burrough the twenty fifth day of June 1716 James Gurner Esq: then Sovereign

Whereas there was a By Law made the twenty fourth day of June 1660 prohibiting any Burgesse after being Elected and sworn Sovereign of the Burrough of Belfast to sell by Retail in his house any wine, beer, ale aqua vitæ or other strong waters or keep entertainment in his house dureing the time of his being Sovereign of the said Burrough on forfeiture of one hundred pounds And whereas it is the opinion of the Sovereign and all the Burgesses now present that whoever is admitted a Burgess of the said Corporation ought to be qualified to serve as

Sovereign when Elected and also that the said By Law is useless and inconvenient It is therefore ordered by the said Sovereign and Burgesses that the said By Law be and is hereby Repealed annulled and made void to all intents and purposes whatsoever and the same is accordingly hereby declared to be from the date hereof annulled Repealed and made void to all intents and purposes whatsoever

James Gurner Sovereign

Robt Leathes Henry Ellis George: Portis Hans
Hamilton Robt Lebyrtt Thos: Banks

This day at an assembly of the Sovereign & Burgesses of the Burrough of Belfast the Rev^d Doct^r William Tisdall was sworn as being Constable of the Castle of Belfast before us As witness our hands this fifth day of April 1717

Henry Ellis Sovereign

This day at an assembly of the Sovereign and Burgesses Capt Robert Leathes was sworn as being Constable of the Castle of Belfast before us As witness our hands this 29 June 1717

Henry Ellis Sovereign

Nicholas Thettford Rob^t Lebyrtt Nath: Byrtt
George Portis James Gurner

We the Soveraign & Burgesses haveing been assembled to Ellect and choose a Free Burgess to serve in the Room and place of Edward Clements Deceased we have unanimously chosen Thomas Hewetson a free Burgess of this Corporation in his Room this 27th day of May and the said Thomas Hewetson hath this day accordingly taken the oaths of a Burgess whereof we do confirm the said Ellection under our hands this said 27th day of May 1718

Jo: Carpenter Sovereign

Henry Ellis James Gurner Rob^t: Lebyrtt Rob^t
Leathes

The 10th Day of November 1720

At a Generall Assembly of the Sovereign and Burgesses and free Commonalty of the Towne and Corporation Edward Hall was duly elected and chosen to serve the

Corporation in the office of Serjeant at Mace in the room
and place of John Brooks Deceased

Rob^t: Byrnt Sov^r

Isaac M^cCartney Rob^t Hamilton Mich^l Wood
Lewes Smith Tho^s Miller Rober^t M^cCalpin Tho:
Warnock Geo: Macartney Nath Byrnt James
Gurner Nicholas Thettford Ja^s Macartney

Belfast September the 28th A^o Dni 1721

At a Court then held we the Sovereigne & Burgesses
have administred the oath of a ffree Burgess to Rob^t Green
Esq^r Constable of the Castle of Belfast and do hereby allow
he hath a Right to all the priviledges and Libertys wth any
Constable of the Castle heretofore has enjoyed & which by
the Charter of the said Town are allowed

Rob^t: Byrnt Sov^r

John Hallridge Henry Ellis George: Portis James
Gurner Nicholas Thettford Ja^s Macartney

Belfast the 24th day of October An^o Domini 1723

At an [court] Assembly then held Wee the Burgesses have
administred the oath of A free Burgess to Thomas Banks
Gent Constable of the Castle of Belfast and doe hereby
allow he hath a Right to all the priviledges and Liberties
which any Constable of the Castle heretofore has Enjoyed
& which by the Charter of the said Town are allowed

Burrough of Belfast 20th Sept^r 1725

At an Assembly of the Sovereign & Burgesses then mett together
the underneath bonds and papers were Delivered over by Arthur Byrnt
son to the late Nath^l. Byrnt Esq^r Sov^r of the s^d Burrough to James
Macartney Esq^r the p^sent Sov^r thereof The Right Honble The Earl of
Donnegalls bond for 200^l dated the 26th March 1702 & payable to Jno
Chalmers Esq^r then Sov^r for the use of the poor Sampson Theakers
Bond for 10^l dated the 25th Decr 1676 & payable to George Macartney
Esq^r then Sov^r John Carpenter Esq^r his Bond 150^l dated 1st Dec^r 1720
& payable to Rob^t Byrnt Esq^r then Sov^r Mr Isaac Macartneys promissary
note for 242^l ster Dated the 8th day of Sept^r 1718 & payable to George
Macartney Esq^r then Sov^r The Lady Longfords Letter dated 26th Decr
1692 owing the rec^d of 100^l for the use of the poor Rob^t Leathes
Esq^r his rec^d to Clotworthy Upton Esq^r for 32^l dated 4th June 1714
A Rec^d from Rob^t Leathes Esq^r to Geo M^cCartney Esq^r Sov^r for
sev^{al} bonds & papers therein mencioned to be Delive^d to him Dated
28th May 1714 Clothworthy Upton Esq^r his acco^t for Interest Due to the

poore Roger Haddocks Rec^d to Clotworthy Upton Esq^r for 96^d dated Jan^y 3rd 1710 Ditt^r Rec^d to Ditto for 32^d Dated 10th June 1712 James Gurner Sov^r his Rec^d to Ditto for 32^d Dated 19th November 1714 Dittos Rec^d to Ditto for 32^d Dated 9th July 1715 A Letter from Tho^s Banks to the Sov^r & Burgesses dated 18th August 1718 giving an acco^t of 32^d by him paid to Captⁿ Leathes on acco^t of Interest due by L^d Donnegall to the s^d poor A List of the poor & the money paid them to the year 1719 A paper of orders of an assembly dated the 22^d April 1725 in relation to the poors money Memoⁿ a Rec^d given same day by the Sov^r for the above papers

James Macartney Sover^r

Burrough of } At an Assembly of the Sovereign Burgesses & Comonality of
Belfast } said Burrough Arthur Byrtt Esqr Sovrn held the eight day of November 1744 at the Market house of said Burrough and continued from time to time by adjournment to the 15th of said month as appears by the List of voters hereunto annexed to choose a Sergeant at Mace for said Burrough in the Room & place of Edward Hall who for his mismanagement in his office as also that he is at present confined in Jail at Carrickfergus for Debt and Not Likely to be relieved by which means he is rendered incaple of doing his duty as Town Serjeant Clement Monepenny was elected Chosen & sworn same day Serjeant at Mace for said Burrough by the majority of said assembly in the Room & place of said Edward Hall so disqualified Dated this 15th day of November 1744

Entered by Robt Byrtt Town Clerk

Ar: Byrtt Sovrn

CANDIDATES

No	Clements Monepenny	No	Arthur Hall
1	James Archbald	1	Roger Haddock 7
2	Thomas Banks Esqr 1	2	And ^r M ^c Comb 8
3	Hugh Donaldson 2	3	Alex ^r M ^c Kyle 9
4	John Sharp 3	4	James Greerer
5	Thomas Beaton	5	W ^m Wallace
6	Alex ^r Young 4	6	Ja ^s Holmes 10
7	John Stewart	7	Duncan Taylor 11
8	John Gordon	8	John Fleming 12
9	Dan ^l Blow	9	Robt Stewart 13
10	John Brown	10	John Beggs 14
11	Alex ^r Stewart 5	11	John Potts 15
12	Ben ⁿ Legg 6	12	Hugh Lynn 16
13	Henry Blair 17	13	John Ashmere
14	Margetson Saunders 18	14	John Scott
15	John Johnston 19	15	John M ^c Munn 35
16	And ^r Gelaspie	16	Saml Moffett
17	Sm th Wilson 20	17	John Ballentine Barber 36
18	Robt M ^c Mullan	18	Robt Gaskin
19	Robt Caulfield	19	Charles Ramage
20	Robt Clark	20	Jas Adair Senr. 37
21	John Black	21	And ^r Hannah 38
22	Isaac Read 21	22	Sam ^l Brown
23	Edward Mitchell 22	23	John Cunningham 39
24	James Carmichael	24	Rich ^d Coleman 40
25	Hugh Martin 23	25	W ^m Paterson
26	Thos Lowry	26	Geo Walls
27	Will ^m Miller	27	Saml Boyd 41
28	Hugh M ^c Kitrick 24	28	Thos Mife 42
29	John M ^c Nish 25	29	John Cowden 43

No	Clements Moneppeny	No	Arthur Hall
30	Robt Wills 26	30	John ffie Barber 44
31	Sam ^d Smith 27	31	John Whitlock 45
32	John Gregg	32	Wm Cross 46
33	Wm Gregg 28	33	Geo Sharp 47
34	John Coheran	34	John Stevenson 48
35	Sam ^d Joy	35	Wm Sharpley 49
36	Wm Stott 29	36	Mathew Douglass 50
37	Jam ^d Peacock 30	37	Michael M'fall 51
38	Gilbert M'Cully 31	38	Tho Whinnall 52
39	Walter Wilson 32	39	Tho Servise 53
40	Jam ^d Smith 33	40	Alex ^d Mugerlane
41	Geo Ashmere 34	41	Jam ^d Boyd 54
42	Wm Archibald	42	Thos Johnston
43	Chas Hamilton	43	John M ^d Cleary Creery
44	ffra Kirkland 55	44	Robt M ^d Creery
45	Wm Hannah	45	John Dorment
46	John Taylor	46	John Lowden 69
47	John M ^d Donald 56	47	Geo M ^d Creery 70
48	Jas Bell	48	David Jukes
49	Thos Anderson	49	Thos Warnock 71
50	John M ^d Murray	50	Wm M ^d Cleary 72
51	Val Thetford 56	51	Thomas Smalshaw 73
52	Wm Holmes 57	52	John Ratcliffe
53	John Millwright	53	John Peart 74
54	Jas Blow 58	54	Michl Ratcliffe 75
55	Henry Duncan 59	55	Geo M ^d farson
56	Ed ^d M ^d Donald 60	56	John Miller
57	John Leech 61	57	John Smith
58	Hugh Boyd	58	John Brown
59	John Jemison	59	Alex ^d Ward 76
60	John Knox	60	John M ^d fadden
61	Chas Walsh 62	61	Jas Ramsey
62	John Duff Burgess 63	62	Wm Nutt
63	Wm Simpson 64	63	Moses Hill
64	Jas Ross 65	64	Jas Anderson
65	Wm Boyd 66	65	Wm Worthington Junr 77
66	Henry Kelso	66	Wm MaGofolk 78
67	James Weir 67	67	Wm Mathews
68	Wm Dick 68	68	Robt Black
	Adjourned to Saturday the 10th of Novr 1744	69	Thomas Gregory 79
69	Alexr Spawin 82	70	Richd Whitford 80
70	Tho Whiteside 83	71	ffra Beaty
71	Rev ^d Geo Robertson 84	72	Wm Wha 81
72	John Gibson	73	Saml Galloway
73	Neile Patten	74	John Jakson
74	Ralph Charley 85	75	Robt Corbitt
75	John Leith 86	76	Alex ^d Mears 102
76	Jas Wilson 87	77	Robt Gutry
77	Tho Jones 88	78	Jas Lemon
78	John Ross 89	79	Tho Coulter 103
79	Wm Worthington Senr 90	80	Hh ^d Haven
80	Wm Lawson 91	81	David Stevenson
81	John Holmes	82	Michl Ratcliffe Senr 104
82	David Lyons	83	Mathw King 105
83	Wm Biggar	84	Pat Gibson
		85	W ^d Cambell
		86	W ^d Beck
		87	W ^d Caruthers

No	Clements Moneypenny	No	Arthur Hall
84	Robt Aldrich	88	Saml Allen 106
85	John Jones 92	89	Robt Henderson
86	Hugh Beaty	90	Geo Magee
87	Ed ^d fforssyth	91	John Herd 107
88	John fforssyth 93	92	Richd Coulter 108
89	Henry Charley 94	93	Israel Burns 109
90	Martin Worthington 95	94	John M ^{ff} arran
91	Henry Linn	95	Arth ^r Clark
92	Adam Addidle	96	George Cork 110
93	James Chads 96	97	Hen Vernet
94	fira Bowell 97	98	Tho Graham 111
95	Wm Kirkwood 98	99	Isaac Hall 112
96	Jas Woods 99	100	John Hall 113
97	Wm Legg 100		Adjourned to Saturday the 10th of Novr 1744
98	John Stewart		
99	Thos M ^c Connell 101		
100	John Wilson	101	Andw Sloan 127
101	Cha M ^c Neily	102	Cha Moor 128
102	Obed ^d Grove 114	103	John Brown
103	Cha Young 115	104	Thos Heming
104	Jas Charley 116	105	Neile Magee 129
105	James	106	Hugh Holmes 130
106	Wm Brown	107	John Dorment
	Adjourned to thursday the 15th of Novr 1744	108	John Riggs
107	Geo Macartney Esqr	109	Andw Trimble
108	Revd Barnard Ward	110	Dav ^d Mote
109	Val Jones Junr	111	Robt M ^{ff} all 131
110	Thos Gregg	112	Wm Watt 132
111	Vincent Mercy	113	Gawen Davison
112	John M ^c Kedy 117	114	Sam ^l Read 133
113	Saml Stanton 118	115	Dav ^d Logan 134
114	Robt Wallace	116	John Bole
115	John Hay	117	Wm Pettycrewe
116	Hen: East		Adjourned to thursday 15th Novr 1744
117	John Rice 119		
118	Jas Dixon		
119	Wm Johnston Landw ^r		
120	Saml M ^c Teer		
121	John Armstrong 120	133	Wm Hamilton
122	John M ^c Cahee	134	John Clark 138
123	John Bennett 121	135	Wm Culbert 139
124	Hen M ^c fladden	136	Jas M ^c Donald 140
125	Saml Macartney 122	137	Phi: Coats 141
126	Robt Hay 123	138	Robert ffoothey 142
127	Archd Miller 124	139	Nathl Morrison 143
128	Gilbert M ^c Dowell 125	140	Michl Addidle 144
129	Jas Law 126	141	Jas Young 145
130	ffaithfull Wilson 135	142	Thos Sturgeon 146
131	Randall Pettycrewe 136	143	Michl Mears 147
132	Isaac Agnew 137		

Att the adjournmt to this day at the Close thereof the said Arthur Hall gave up having no more to poll nor offering any more votes & the said Clements Moneypenny being 26 votes more than said Hall the Election was declared publickly in Court in the favour of the said Moneypenny who was then & there

sworn into the office of Serjeant at Mace for the Burrough of Belfast aforesaid
in the Room & place of the aforesaid Edwd Hall

Entd this 15th day of Nov 1744 upon

Ar: Byrtt Sovn

Record by Robt Byrtt Town Clark

For Clements Monepenny

For Arthur Hall

143	
117	
26	Majority for C Monepenny
260	Gross amount

Bur: of } At an Assembly of the Sovereign & free
Belfast } Burgesses of this Corporation this day held in
order to chuse a burress in Parliament in the room of
David John Barry Esq^r deceased & in pursuance of a
precept from the Sheriff of this County We doe unanimously
Chuse & Elect the Hon^{ble} John Chichester to represent us
in Parliam^t in the room of s^d Mr Barry

Dated this 14th November 1745

Ar: Byrtt Sovⁿ

Copy of the freedom presented to his Grace the L^d Primate in
a gold Box the 2nd Sept^r 1748

Be it Remembered that an assembly held at y^r Town Hall of the Burrough
of Belfast the 2^d day of Sept^r in the year of our Lord 1748 Margetson
Saunders Esq^r Sovereign of s^d Burrough his Grace the most rev^d father in God
George Lord ArchBpp of Ardmagh Primate & Metropolitan of all Ireland &
one of the L^d Justices thereof was unanimously admitted into the Liberties &
franchises of y^r said Burrough as a singular mark of our Esteem & affection for
him In Testimony whereof we have caused the Common Seal of y^r s^d
Burrough to be hereunto affixed the day & year afores^d

Margetson Saunders Sovⁿ

Constables for ye Town 1748

James Tough John Steele Hugh Marron Charles Walsh
James Baird Hugh Barnet high Const.

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Belfast } free Burgesses of this Corporation this day
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precept from the Sherrieff of this County We doe unanimously
chuse and Elect William Macartney of the Town of Belfast
Esquire to represent us in Parliament in the room of the
said John Chichester

Dated this 14th day of October 1747 forty seven

Margetson Saunders Sovⁿ

Names of the Sworn Measurers 1738 & 1754

1 Rob ^t Huey	8/9 Jo ^s M ^c Clean
2 Pat M ^c Bride]	9/10 Rich ^d Campbell
3 Mich Wood]	11 Ja. Dickson]
4 Arch ^d Whiteford 2	12 Arch ^d Vickar]
5 Alex ^r Johnston 3	13 Arch ^d Taylor
6 Ivar M ^c Intosh	12-14 Jo ^s Brown
7 Dougall M ^c Gregor 5	13-15 Duncan Stewart
8 John Campbell 6	14 Henry Mullan
Rob ^t Hamilton	

Constables for the year 1753 for the Town of Belfast

W^m Wilson high constable
Wm Turner in Ann Street
Geo^s Mitchell old Quay
Jo^s Harvey weaver Mill Street
W^m Taylor N. Street
Arch^d Scott do

Constables for the year 1754 for the Town of Belfast

James M^cWatters High Constable
W^m Brown in Bridge Street
W^m Stewart in North Street
W^m Henderson in New Key
Edw^d Harrison in Mill Street
Gaun Wallace in Bridge Street

Belfast Wednesday Oct 28 1767

At an Assembly of the Sovereign Free Burgesses & Freemen of this Corporation this day held at the Market House Nathaniel Boddle was, unanimously chosen one of the Sergeants at Mace of this Borough in the Room of George Murray deceased

At the same time the said Nath^l Boddle took the oath of a Sergeant at Mace before me Geo Macartney

Ent^d Henry Joy D. T. Clke

The Oath of the Sovraigne

You shall sweare that yo^r shall well and truly serve our Sovereaigne Lord the Kinge by the space of one whole year now next ensuing as Sovraigne of the Burrough of Bellfast (If God grant you see long life) & untill a successor be sworne wth yo^r best ended^d according to the power given unto you by his Ma^{ty} L^{tes} Patents and [that] you shall according to the best of yo^r knowledge discretion doe equall justice as well to the poore as the rich and truly fairly and gently [litlely] intreate the people of this Burrough you [and] shall use yo^r best endeavour to uphold maintayne the rights Libties jurisdictions and [all] Lawfull ordinances of this Towne and Burrough correction of victualls (That is to saie) breade wine beare Ale fish and fleshe you shall truly and tenderly see or cause to be seene unto craftsmen Labourers and Artificers you shall truly enquire of and those that shall be found guilty faulty and trespassinge therein you shall justly correct and duly reforme, widdows and orphans you shall succour and Defend And finally in all other things that shall or may concerne yo^r office you shall therein faithfully and uprightly demean yo^r self for the most quiet benefit worshipp honesty [and] credit & advancement of this yo^r Burrough and the Inhabitants thereof. See help yo^r God in Jesus Christ,

The Oathe of Supremacy

I doe hereby [utterly] testifie and declare in my conscience that of Sovereaigne Lord King Charles his highnes is the only supreme Governo^r of this Realme and of all other his highnes's Dominions and Realmes as well in all Spirituall & ecclesiastical thinges or causes as in causes and matters temporall and that noe forraigne Prince person prelate state or potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction power superiority preeminence or authority ecclesiastical or Temporall within this Realme and therefore I doe utterly renounce and forsake all furraigne Jurisdictions powers superiorities and authorityes and doe promise that from henceforth I shall beare faith and such [truth] true allegiance to the Leige highnes his heires and Lawfull Successors and to my power shall assist and defend all Jurisdictions priviledges power and authority granted or belonging to the King's highnes his heires & Successors & enrolled and annexed to the Imperial Crowne of this Realme See help me God &c

The Oath of the Overseers of the Markett

You shall sweare that you will serve in the office of overseer of the Markett in this Towne untill Easter next if you see long live during w^{ch} time you shall well and truly looke into y^e wholesomnesse of all sorts of flesh meate come graine meale Butter and Bread that shall come into the Markett, and see that noe corrupt victuall be brought and sold into the Markett, and if any you are to take it away and from time to time to acquaint y^e Sovereigne for the time being of the same and that you shall observe such orders and By Lawes of the Corporacon relating to the Markett (agreeing wth the statute in that case made and provided) as shall be given you in charge from time to time by the Sovereigne aforesayd and all other things relating to the office of an overseer of the Markett according to your skill and knowledge you shall observe Soe helpe you God

[The Oath of a Market Juror per stat 27 Geo. 3. to be sworn one by one in] open court [at Assizes] [You shall well, truly,] and Diligently exercise the office of a Market juror in the Borough of Belfast without favour or affection malice or ill will, to any person or persons whatsoever So helpe you God

The oath of a free Burgesse

You shall sweare that yo^r will be ready as one of the Twelve Burgeses of this Towne and Burrough of Belfast to doe yo^r best endeav^r for the publike good thereof and that you come uppon due warning given you by or from the Suffran of this Towne and Burrough for the tyme being or any by him appointed to give your true advice and best Counsell in any thing that you shall be required touching the franchise weale and the good rule and government of this Towne as oftentimes as cause and occasion shall require And that from henceforth you shall attend & assistant to ye Suffran of this Towne for ye tyme being And that you will keepe the Councill and ordinances made by the Suffran and the major parte of the Burgeses by and wth the consent of the Lord of the Castle or in his absence the Constable thereof These and all other things w^{ch} belong to a Burgesse of this Towne to doe or to be done you shall well and truly keepe & performe So helpe you God in Christ Jesus,

**ARTHUR LORD CHICHESTER BARRON** of BELLFAST

in y^e County of Antrim in y^e Province of Ulster in y^e North of Ireland was a younger son of S^t John Chichester of Rawley near Barnstable in Devonshire where he attained to Capacity for y^e University he was sent to Oxford and was of Exeter College he was only a Gramer Scholler and being very active strong and ingenious took affection to a Military Course he went first into Ireland taking with him for Companion Bartholomew Fortescue my fathers youngest Brother whom he much loved he being as I have often heard his Lord^{sh} say very good Company a valiant strong man and one of y^e best wrestlers in those times they stay'd a while with S^t George Bouchiers who was then Master of y^e Ordinance in

Ireland and son of y^e Earl of Bath and father of this Earl a Noble Gentleman they had been Actors with other young gentlemen of a youthfull rash trick in England for which they fled into Ireland and when their friends had obtained their pardon of Queen Elizabeth they returned to England soon after my Lord Chichester who was then but Master Chichester adventured abroad for advancement and fortiescue turned sea Cap^t and died in that employment Chichester was afterwards made Cap^t of one of y^e Queen's best ships under y^e command of y^e Lord Sheffield at y^e Sea fight with y^e Spanish Armado in 1588.

He had y^e comand of one of y^e Queen's ships with 500 men in S^t francis Drakes last voyage to y^e west Indies. S^t francis Drake died there at that time He was a volunteer in y^e Earl of Essexes voyage to Spain and at Cales Captain Paul Chichester who was an able darring man being slayn with a bullett y^e Earl of Essex gave him his Company.

He was Sergeant Major Generall of y^e Queen's Army in Pickardy under y^e comand of S^t Thomas Buskervill and at y^e seige of Ameans was shott in y^e shoulder and for his couragious good service then and in those warrs was there knighted by King Henry y^e fourth.

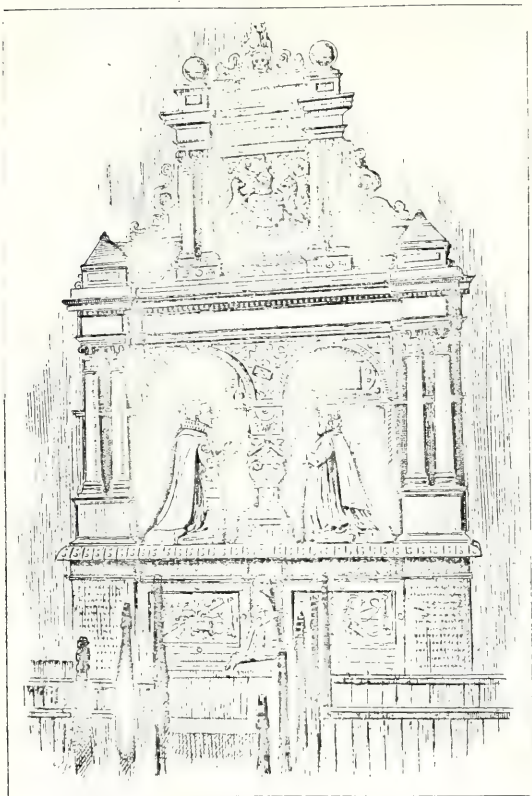
When those civill warrs were ended he went into y^e Low Countries where he had a Company of 200 men which then was his subsistance but S^t Rob: Cicell Secretary of State to y^e Queen being very much his noble friend telling her Maj^{ty} what pitty it was so able a gentleman should bury his time in that Country with a single Company she havinge Impleyment for him in Ireland where his Brother S^t John Chichester was slayn with a bullett; got Leave of y^e Queen to send for him, he being then garrisoned at Ostend, and to employ him in y^e service of Ireland with a Regm^t of 1200 men, with which command he was sent thither and according to his commision landed them with himself at Dublin S^t Adam Loftus of Rathfernham Lord Chancellor and S^t Rob: Gardiner Lord Chief Justice being Lords Justices in y^e intervals Between y^e death of y^e Lord Barrows Lord Deputy who dyed at Newry and y^e coming of y^e Earl of Essex Lord Lievtent from Dublin he was sent with a Regm^t to garrison at Tradath within a short time after y^e Earl of Essex arived at Dublin with y^e Gallantry of England and hearing much in praise of S^t Arthur Chichester and perfection of his Regm^t made a journey purposely with his Gallants to see him and S^t Arthur havinge drawn his Regm^t up in a most fair field and exercised them perfectly at which he was excellent they being in close order y^e Earl thinking to put a sully on them by breaking throw them charged at them with his Gallants Cavalry but y^e Collonell not being used to receve foyles had so ordered his Pikes as they forced y^e Earl to a Corry Coale and upon his wheele a saucie fellow with his Pike prickt his Lord^{sh} saving your reverence in y^e Rear and made him bleed; so he havinge enough of that smarting sport, he retreated giving y^e Collenell and his Regm^t high praise. his Lord^{sh} stayed but a short while in Ireland then came S^t Charles Blunt Lord Mountjoy Lord Deputy and was after Earl of Devonshire who within few months made S^t Arthur Chichester Serjeant Major Generall of y^e Army he well knowing his strong Abillities in france and y^e Low Countries where they had been intimate friends S^t Harry Danvers who was afterwards made by King James Lord Danvers and Earl of Danby was before Major Generall: about six months after he was made Governor of Carrickfergus and those parts which being so far off from y^e Lord Generall: as he could not attend to receive and distribute his orders S^t John Barkley was made Major Generall: who about a year after was slayn with a bullett at y^e taking of an Island in a lough called Maherlecco

in y^e County of Ardmagh then was S^r Arthur Chichester made Major Generall again and at lenth had that office by patent dureing life and after his invading y^e County of Tyrone by boats over Lough Neagh from Maserine in y^e County of Antrim and raising a flott at his landing place which was after named Mountjoy he was made Governor thereof and y^e adjacent countries by Pattents and Admirall of Lough Neagh by y^e name of Lough Chichester y^e next year y^e Queen dying King James made y^e Lord Deputy Mountjoy Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and S^r Arthur Chichester S^r Harry Docwray and S^r W^m Godolphin Privy Councillors of Ireland which was when they were upon their March with y^e army in Munster to reduce y^e City of Watterford Cork and Limrick that rebelled and would not proclaime King James as their King but they were forced to it and some of y^e Chief actors hanged at Cork y^e next Spring y^e Lord Lieuten^t went for England all being at Peace in Ireland so did S^r Arthur Chichester and S^r George Carry of Cockinton in Devonshire who was then Treasurer in Ireland was for ye p^{re}sent left Lord Deputy and about two years after or less it being in 1604 S^r Arthur Chichester was made Lord Deputy which he held twelve years which was longer than Ever any did before or since and towards his end of that Governm^t he was made Barron of Belfast his own Town and after his rendering up of y^e King's sword was made Lord High Treasurer of Ireland then he retired to his Estate and Governm^t in Ulster and about three years after was by Lett^r from King James called into England and employed Ambassador to y^e Princes of y^e Union in Germany and in short time after his return was made one of y^e Councill of Warr and within few months one of y^e Lords of y^e Privy Councill of England and in few years after dyed in London much lamented by all that knew him he was buried at Carrickfergus where he had built y^e noblest brave house in y^e Kingdom and had prepared a neate Tomb to receive him when when (*sic*) God should please to send him to it.

He was one so farr from ambition and coveteousness that he nether by friends nor of himself [would] moved for advancem^t Military or Civill but still it was conferred on him unsought as all those commands and honours were wth he had by favour of S^r Rob^t: Cicill Earl of Salisbury y^e Earl of Devonshire and Lastly from King James so likewise was his Knighthood by ye King of frince all wth certainly would not have been lay'd on him had he not been a very meriting man and of such deportm^t as gained a generall good opinon and Love.

To my Knowledge y^e Earl of Devonshire in time of his being Lord Deputy said he wondered at S^r Arthur Chichester for others prest him for many things but he for nothing but grumbled like a right western man and that he had twice made him Major Generall and given him two Governm^{ts} those of Carrickfergus and Tyrone and knew not what more to do for him at p^{re}sent but make him Lievtenant Generall: of y^e Army which he would do if he found him grumbling still and then unless he could make him Generall: and Lord Deputy he had done as much as was in him to do for him at lenth he made him both Loveing him very much. He never sought y^e honour of Barron nor knew it was coming to him untill y^e first Lord Caulfield who was then S^r Toby Caulfield brought him a Patent for it from y^e King as a present from S^r Humphrey May who had in England y^e mannage and disposall of all Irish affairs and procured it for him Loveing him heartly they being ancient acquaintances and friends.

I well know that King James by his Lett^r of favour and grace called my Lord Chichester into England in 1613 he being then Lord Deputy S^r Humphrey May who had strong power with ye King offered to get him



THE CHICHESTER MONUMENT

IN ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, CANNON-CHURCH.

made an Earl and as I heard Knight of y^e Garter if he would but court a little y^e then Favorite y^e Earl of Sumersett which he said he could not do and that he had more honour by being a Barron then his Estate could becoming a nobleman support.

He moved not to be a Privy Councillor of England King James knowing well his abilities his well deservings and his discreet and honorable manage of his negotiations in his Embassy in Germany did it of himself.

He was no very good Orator but had a singular good expression with his pen sublime and succinct according to y^e subject whereof he wrote and y^e Person to whom his Lett^r to King James were so acceptable as he gave him encouragm^t and command to write often to him and once when y^e King received a Lett^r from him he gave it to his favorite Sumersett biding him learn it without book saying he had not received such a Lett^r since he was King of England and y^e secretary of State y^e Earle of Salisbury and Lords of y^e Councell would give his lines high praise he was a great statesman and good comon wealths man and as knowing able a souldier as any of our nation in those times; he was a carefull performer of his mannagm^t and keeper of his word no man knew his composition and disposition better than myself Therefore I may with confidence and truth say this that he was a man of great honour Piety prudence justice bounty and valour very hospitable charitable affable and excellent good company within and without doors being a Lover of all Civill becoming sports games and recreations.

His Estate was all of his own acquisition by fair purchase only y^e King gave him S^r Cahier O'Doghertyes County it being by his rebellion Escheat to y^e Crown and he with his adherents being cutt off by y^e Industry and activity of my Lord Chichester that land was then worth about 1000^l per Ann: within those times of Largis and in that Kingdom and at y^e furthest point north was no great gift or reward from a King to a Subject that had been 12 years his Vice Roy and so well a Deserver

His Estate being about 8000^l per Ann: he left to his good Brother S^r Edward Chichester who also inherited his honour of Barron of Belfast and in short time after was made Viscount of Carrickfergus and Governor of that Town and Country and 3 or 4 years before his death his Son was made by King Charles Earl of Dunnagall in y^e north of Ulster in which County he hath 20 miles of Land at Least he was bred with and by his noble uncle Arthur Lord Chichester and in much is a good copy of that originall upon the grand horrid Rebellion in Ireland he advanc^t at his own charge a Regm^t of horse and a Regm^t of ffoot for y^e service of the King and did very acceptable service he being a gallant gentleman courageous stedly Just and noble hearted

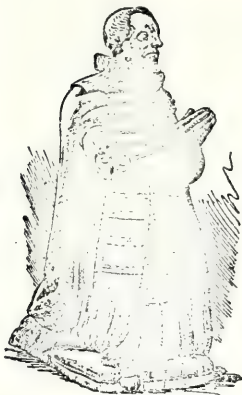
With the first Lord Chichester that man of great honour and noble Endowm^t I had from my coming young from School my Education and by him y^e foundation of my Advancem^t and fortune acquired in Ireland

fayth: fortescue

S^r Josias Bodleyes Annagram upon Arthur Chichester

Cares hurt y^e Rich
Riches cure y^e hart

They care great Lord in wealth and honour Rich
They name transposed doth show cares hurt ye Rich
Yet in those Riches Richer then thou art
Still strive to be for Riches cure ye hart



Translated out of firenche

HENRY by y^e Grace of God King of france and Navarre to all p^{re}s^{ent} and to come Greeting Whereas there are Differences of Qualities vocations and exercises between the servants of Kings and princes some being for the Councell and Ministry of matters of State of y^e Justice and of Civill governm^{te} y^e others for deeds of Armes Conduct and execution of warr and the others for matters fitt and necessary for y^e P^{er}son of y^e Prince tending all indifferently to a like end w^{ch} is to perform all of them their duties and charges to content their said Prince who in the doing thereof (as not ungratefull in y^e acknowledging of their good and Loyall services) ought not to be spareing toward them of his Graces favours and Liberalities and specially to honour and make their names and memory perpetuall [doth] w^{ch} honourable titles and dignities agreeable to their vertues and des^{er}ts to y^e end that in giving them occasion to continue and persevere many may take example by them and indeavour to imitate and follow them to y^e end to yield their services acceptable and commendable Wherefore considering ye vertues deserts and laudable parts w^{ch} are in y^e person of our dear and well beloved Arthur Chichester Capt of one of y^e Companies of English Soldiers serving on foot w^{ch} the Queen of England our Right dear and Right beloved Good sister and cousen hath sent for our succour considering that y^e said Cap^t Chichester hath worthely behevied himself in ye siege which we have layd before y^e Town of Amiens and in The Encounter w^{ch} wee have had with our Enemies w^{ch} were come to succour this said Town wherein he hath made good prooffe not only of a Singular affection to our service But also of a great courage and valour haveing voluntarily exposed himself to all kinds of perills and dangers It hath seemed unto us that it were very meet that y^e said Cap^t Chichester should receive the like grace and favour w^{ch} wee have accustomed to bestow and distribute to our good and zealous servitors w^{ch} are to be comended as he is for y^e honour and praise of their persons. Therefore and for other good considerations us thereunto movinge have wee in y^e p^{re}s^{ent} of certain Princes of

our blood of our Right dear and beloved cousins the Duke of Montmorancy Peer and Constable of France and of Monsur de Biron Marshall of France and of sundry great and noble Lords and Captains made and created, do make and create ye said Capt Chichester Knight And we have given and granted, do give and grant unto him y^e order of gyrted warlike Knight and have with our hand Imbraced him even as for y^e obtaining of such a degree it is required and accustomed to y^e end y^e said Cap^t Chichester may from henceforth enjoy and use ye Rightes honours and authorities of Knight, priveledges, prerogatives, and preheminences, wth thereunto do belong as well in matters of warr arms and assemblies as in Judgm^t Court and without and in all places elsewhere it shall appertain and need shall require chiefly to bear y^e armes furniture and weed appertaining to y^e degree of Knighthood even so and in such form and manner as other Knights made and created by our Predecessors Kings and by us are accustomed to do and bear Wee do also will our beloved and faithfull [Provosts Judges Captaynes Cheefains and Conductors] y^e Persons Keeping our Courts of Parliam^t and all generall Marshalls of France Governors Baylifs Seneshalls Provosts Judges Captaines Cheefaines and Conductors of men of warr Ban and ariereban Mayors Aldermen Counsellis Councillors and magistrates of our Townes and Cittys and all others our other Justices and officers to whom it shall appertain that they cause suffer and permit y^e said Capt Chichester fully and peaceably to enjoy and use y^e said rights of Knighthood honours prerogatives priveledges and preheminences wth thereunto do belong even so and in y^e form and manner as is aforesaid Ceasing and causing to cease all troubles and hindrances to the contrary for such is our pleasure notwithstanding wthsoever orders decrees or prohibitions to y^e contrary hereof ye wth in this behalfe and without prejudice thereunto in other things we have derogated and do derogate also the derogatory of y^e derogatory therein contained and to the end it be a thing firm and stable for ever we have caused our seale to these p^{re}sents to be putt y^e right of us in other things and of others in all reserved we do also pray y^e said Lady Queen of England our dear and well beloved good sister and Cousin to permit y^e said Capt Chichester to enjoy and use y^e favours which we have granted unto him in this behalfe even so and as wee should or could do in like occasion for those wth shall be recommended unto us on her behalfe. Given in ye Camp before Amiens in y^e month of September Anno one thousand five hundred four score and seaventeen And in ye ninth year of our Raign Subscribed thus=HENRY=And upon ye fold by ye King DENEUVILLE VISA=And sealed with a seale in Green wax under appending.

CHICHESTER EARL OF DONEGAL.

This family seems anciently to have born the name of Cirencester and was one of the most eminent in the County of Devon for its antiquity, Estate and Employ^{mt} & alliances having flourished for several generations at South Poole not far from Kings Bridge where their most ancient habitation was they have a right to quarter the arms of the Raleighs, the Beaumonts, the Willingtons, & many other noble families. The 1st of the name to be met with is Walleran de Cirencester, to Walleran succeeded John his son, & to him S^r John, Sir Thomas, Sir John, Richard, who leaving the name of Cirencester al^t Chichester fixed upon the latter, to him succeeded John, Sir John, Richard Edward, and Sir John, who married a Daughter of Sir William Courtney in Devonshire by whom he had 5 sons and 8 Daughters

1st S^r John, Ancestor to S^r John Chichester Bart:

2 Arthur whose abilities and Services raised him to the peerage of Ireland

4 S^r John, who sought glory in Ireland where his services were rewarded wth y^e post of Serg^t Major and y^e honour of Knighthood, he was distinguished from his Bro^r by ye name of S^r Jo^h the younger, he lost

his life on an Enterprise ag^t James MacSourley MacDonnell (after Earl of Antrim) about 4 miles Distant from Carrickfergus

3. Edward, Ancestor to y^e Earl of Donegal

5 S^r Thomas to whom K: James granted a Lease in y^e Co: of Wicklow and gave to him and his heirs y^e Lands of Radonnell containing 1000 in Co: of Donegal

Sir Arthur Second Son of S^r John In 1599 commanded 200 foot at Carrickfergus and did signal services In 1603 he was made a Privy Counsellor & Governor of Carrickfergus wth all other forts wth Lough Neagh & y^e Commodities thereof Coll^d & Govern^d of the forces stationed at Carrickfⁱ, Kilwarling, The little Ards, the Clanaboyes, the Duffrairie, Killultagh, The Route & the Glynnies In Ulster, & of all the Inhabit^{ts} thereof, to attend upon him & be at his Direction, also Admiral of Lough Sidney otherwise Lough Neagh wth the fishing thereof as far as the Salmon Leap on the River Banne, Governor of fort Mountjoy By patent 1st feb 1603 he was made L: D: of Ireland & that year established 2 new Circuits, sending the 1st Justices of Assize into Connaught & retrieving the Circuit of Munster, w^{ch} had been discontinued for near 200 years, the former Circuits only Encompassed the English Pale. In Consideration of his great Services the King granted to him the territory or Country of Inishowen, otherwise called O'Dogherties Country, wth all the Hereditaments thereof, possessed by S^r Jo^o O'Dogherty, or his son the late Traytor Caher O'Dogherty (Except such lands as were to be allotted to y^e Bishop of Derry & 1000 acres to the city of Derry) together with the custody of Culmore Castle for Life, he had a grant thereof by Patent 22nd feb 1609 to hold by Fealty, and the yearly rent of £86: 12: 8 Eng^l making Irish £115: 10: 2½ wth a power of holding 4 several courts Leets, within the Island of Inch, the territory of Tuogh Croneine, & Tuogh Clagh, the manor of Greencastle, otherwise New Castle and the Island of Malyne a fryday market & 2 fairs on the last days of August & April at Bancranocha, a Munday market & 2 fairs on 30 Sep^r & 1st Ap^r at Greencastle, a fair 20th Oct^r at Drange. To Divide the territory into Precincts, w^{ch} free warren. This was again confirmed by Letters Patent dated 6th July 1610 he was made (*sic*) Culmore Fort w^{ch} he surrendered. On 14th Jany 1610 he had a grant of the Castle of Dungannon & 1320 acres of Escheated Lands within that precinct In consideration of his surrender of certain fishings granted to y^e City of London his Majesty granted to him during his life and the life of his nephew Arthur, & Ar: Langham, the Entertainment by y^e Day — as Captain & 9th for 9 horsemen, to Employ them where he should think fit during his life & afterwards to be Resident in the territory of Innishowen, the pay to commence 1st Oct^r 1611 w^{ch} was renewed 29th August 1616 without che[c]que The K: the 8th of Augt 1620 ordered an Effectual grant to be made by Patent confirming all his former grants & accordingly 2 Distinct Patents were passed dated 20th Nov^r 1621, By Letters Patent bearing date 22nd feb 1612 he was created Baron Chichester of Belfast, Entailing the honour on his Issue male, he continued in the Government 10 years Successively in the last of w^{ch} he had occasion for all his great abilities, the manage the most stubborn Parliament that ever was in Ireland w^{ch} met y^r 18th May 1613 On 27th July 1614, he was again made L:D: In w^{ch} year the Harp was first marshalled wth the arms of England. On the 29th Nov^r 1615 the K: was pleased to disburthen him of that charge On the 13th July 1616 he was constituted Lord High Treasurer of Ireland & whilst he continued in Ireland resided at Carrickfergus, where in 1618 he built a magnificent house called Joymount, On 2nd May 1622 he was sent

Ambassador to the Palatinate, & thence to treat of a peace wth y^e Emperor he returned in October to England, & 31st Dec^r was sworn of his Majestys Privy Council. He Departed this life (in as great honour as any Englishman of that age) In London 19 feby 1624 & Interred 24th Oct^r 1625 In the Church of St Nicholas In Carickfergus, under a stately monument of marble & alabaster. A handsome monument is also erected to his memory in the Cathedral Church of Exeter And in a little Oratory adjoining to the Church of Eggesford. He married Letitia the Daughter of Sir Jo^e Perrott to whom he was y^e 3^d husband his only son Arthur born the 26th Sept 1606 dyed on the 30th of the next month, so that Sir Edward his next Bro^r. Succeeded him in his large Estate and the honour being limited only to his Issue male, K: Charles y^e 1st conferred it anew on Sir Edward & added to it the title of Viscount Chichester of Carickfergus, dated at Westm^r 1st Ap^r 1625 & constituted him that year Governor of Carickfergus Admiral of Lough Neagh, Governor of Culmore & that same 12th of Oct^r he was sworn of his Majestys Privy Council he had also a Confirmation of the Estate 2nd Sep^r 1640 for the fine of £467 : 17 : 6 was made joint Com^r of y^e treasury wth Lords Grandison & Ormond 12th Oct^r 1632 he commanded a Regim^t on the breaking out of y^e rebellion in 1641, he sent an express to the K: & was commissioned by him to raise forces, he was a worthy and Eminent person well accomplished both for war & peace he dyed 8th July 1648 his children Arthur, John, Edward, Elizabeth & Mary Arthur the eldest was born 16th June 1606, 25th Aug^r 1625 he was appointed to the command of a troop of horse, in 1639 he represented the County of Antrim in Parliam^t: On the breaking out of the rebellion he did considerable service, the 14th feby 1643 he was constituted Governor of Belfast & the territory of Innesshowen & for the better fortifying of the town of Belfast, his Majesty directed the L^d Lieu^t to advance 1000^l to him forthwith, the K: on the representation the Marquis of Ormond was pleased by Privy Seal 15th Jan^y 1646 & by Patent at Dublin 30th Mar 1647 to create him Earl of Donegal wth limitation of honour to the Issue Male of his father, In 1647 he was one of the 4 hostages sent by Orm^d to the Eng^l parliam^t, 2nd Mar 1660 he was made Captain of a troop of Horse & y^e 12th Custos Rotulorum for the Countys of Antrim & Donegal & 22^d May 1662 one of the Trustees for the satisfaction of y^e personal arrears of the commissioned officers, for Service in Irel^d before 5th of June 1649, was Governor of Carickfergus & in 1668 Established a Math^s Lecture in the Univ^{ty} of Dub^l: & for its maintenance granted to s^t: College for ever the annuity of 30^l Issuing out of the territory of Magherimore & the Lecturer to read Lectures every term & to instruct all desirous to learn the Mathematicks especially such as should be brought up in y^e Schooll of Belfast, Erected by him wherein he made a provision for poor schollars to be brought up in Learning. He dyed at Belfast 18th March 1674, was buried at Carick^t: 20th May 1675, he bequeathed to the poor of y^e parish 50^l & to those of Belfast £200:—he married 3 wives, his 1st Dorcas Daughter of Jo^e Hill Esqr his 2nd Mary Daugh^t of Jo^e Digby 1st Earl of Bristol & by her had 6 sons & 2 daughters who all dyed young, his 3rd Letitia Daugh^t to Sir W^m Hickes, who after married Sir W^m Franklyn, he had Issue W^m L^d Chichester, & 3 Daugh^{ts} who all Dyed young Except the Lady Ann, who became heiress to 2000^l a year, who married 1st Jo^e Butler Earl of Gowran who leaving her a widow without Issue, she next married Francis Augier Earl of Longford by whom she likewise had no Issue, she dyed y^e 14th Nov^r 1697. In Eggesford Church there is a most sumptuous Monum^t Erected to his L^ds ships memory where he stands in Just & full proportion in pure alabaster finely polished between his Ladys

in Effigy on each hand. His L^dship was succeeded by his Nephew Sir Arthur Chichester, Eldest son of his Bro^r John & was 2nd Earl of Donegal. He married Jane Daughter to John Itchingham of Dunbrody in the Co: of Wexford Esq^r who afterward married Rich^d Booth Esq^r [who] She became sole heir to that Estate wth by Act of Parliam^t 10th Geo 1st was settled on ye Hon^{ble} John Chichester Bro^r to ye present Earl & his heirs for Ever. He had Issue 4 Sons & 3 Daugh^{ts} viz^t Arthur his Successor, John, Edward a clergyman father to the rev^d Ar Chichester born 5th Jan^y 1716 after his decease, Charles, Lady Jane married to Davies Lennard Barrett Esq^r [Mary] Catherine to——Taylor Esqr, Mary to S^r Rob^t Newcomen. Arthur 3rd Earl of Doneg^l commanded a Regim^t of foot in the Reign of K: Will^m wth being disbanded he had 8th per diem in consideration of his services

On the 28th June 1701, he was again promoted to a Regim^t of foot raised in Ireland, he was sent to Spain to Defend the rights of the house of Austria, he & Baron Palanck were the 1st who set foot on shore wth 12 Grenadiers In Feb^r 1704 the Prince of Hesse conferred on his L^dship the Commission of Major Gen^l of the Spanish forces, & on the 16th & 22nd of Aug^t 1705, he was of the Council of war held on Board the Britannia concerning the siege of Barcelona for wth he gave his voice, & in Nov^r was made Governor of the Fortress of Gironne on the River Fer, 15 miles distant from the Sea, & 45 from Barcelona, after many glorious services he lost his life 10th of Ap^r 1706 at the fort of Monjuick was buried at Barcelona, he married 1st Lady Barbara Boyle Daughter to y^e Earl of Orrery, by whom he had a son Charles who dyed young & she dyed the 20th Nov^r 1682 & was buried in S^t Patricks Dublin, he married 2nd in 1685 Lady Catherine Forbes only daughter to Arthur Earl of Granard who dyed at her Seat at Abinger in Surrey wth a large Character 15th June 1743, & was Interred in the vault at Carickfergus, had Issue 2 Sons & 6 Daughters Arthur his successor 4th & present Earl of Doneg^l. John who was married 13th Sep^r 1726 to Elizabeth Eldest Daughter to S^r Rich^d Newdigate of Arbury in Warwickshire, She died at Abinger 15th feby 1747, he was member of Parliam^t for Gowran & Belfast in the Reign of K: Geo ye 5th, for the latter of wth he was again chosen 14th Nov^r 1745 & dyed at Bath 1st June 1746 left 2 sons Arthur born 13th June 1739 created *Baron Fishervick June 19th 1790* John Born 26th Dec^r 1740 and died feby 6th 1783 unmarried & a Daughter. Daughter Lady Catherine born in 1687 was married 9th Sep^r 1713 to Clotworthy L^d Viscount Massereene. Ladys Jane, Frances, & Henrietta were unfortunately burnt In the house of Belfast by y^e carelessness of a serv^t who put on a large fire of wood, to air a room she had washed. Lady Mary dyed unmarried. Lady Ann married 12th July 1716 to James Earl of Barrymore

His Lordship was born the 28 Mar: 1695, & 3rd of Oct^r 1716 Married the Lady Lucy Ridgeway, Elder Daughter & Co heir to Robert Earl of Londonderry who dyed 16th July 1732 at Bromfield In Essex, his Lordship had no Issue his Titles are Arthur Chichester, Earl of Donegal, Visc^t Chichester of Carickfergus, & Baron Chichester of Belfast, his arms are quarterly, the first & fourth cheque, Topaz and Ruby; a Chief, Vair; the Second & 3^d Sapphire, Fretted, pearl—Crest, on a wreath, a Stork, Proper, holding in its Beak, a Snake, pearl, the head gold, supporters, two Wolves Ruby, Ducally gorged & chained Topaz. Motto Invitum Sequitur Honos. or, Honor Sequitur fugientem.

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The paper underneath, and that on the other leaf, were taken out of the Belfast News-Letter dated the 6th of October 1794 by Will Atkinson Town Clerk of the Borough of Belfast.

LIST of the VOLUNTEER COMPANIES and MILITIA that marched to BELFAST to oppose the French : set down in the Order of time in which each respective Corps arrived, from Friday the 22d to Tuesday the 26th of February, 1760. — Those marked thus (*) did not accept of pay from the town of Belfast.

COUNTY OF ANTRIM.

Places where raised.	Commanders Names,	No. of Men.	Time of Arrival, &c.
*Antrim Volunteers	{ Lieut. James Finifon, commandant—4 sergeants, 4 corporals, 2 drums. }	96	{ Marched into Belfast on Friday evening; all uniformly clothed, and completely armed, with 25 rounds of cartridges.
*Lifburn Volunteers	{ Edward Smith, Esq. Captain, (who being at Parliament) } { Lieut. Abraham Crommelin, Commandant }	130	{ Received the French prisoners on Thursday evening (being then under arms ready to march to Belfast) guarded them all night, went off with them on Friday morning to Moy and Drumahaire, and came to Belfast about 5 the same evening, after a march of 21 miles.
*Kilbala	{ (These and Lifburn Comp.) } { Lord Hertford's tenants. }	198	{ Arrived in several parties at different times, and incorporated with Lifburn co. on Saturday. (68 received pay).
Templepatrick Volunteers.	{ Arthur Upton, Esq. Captain, (who being at Parliament) } { Henry Shaw, Esq. 1st Lieut. Commandant. }	70	{ Arrived on Saturday at nine in the morning, and continued till the French failed.
Shane's-Castle Volunteers.	{ Charles O'Neil, Esq. Captain, (who being at Parliament) } { Kenealy Henderson, Esq. 1st Lieut. Commandant }	94	{ Arrived on Saturday night, well armed, with 9 rounds of cartridges; and followed next day by 7 pieces of small cannon from Shane's-Castle, which were planted on the breast-work at Mile-water.
*Carrickfergus Carmoncy	{ Mr. James Mc. Ilwain, Captain. }	40	{ Guarded the French prisoners from that town to Belfast. Arrived in Belfast early in the morning after the French landed.
*Killedale	{ Roger Moore, Esq. Capt. }	55	{ Arrived on Friday, all armed.
In and near Antrim Companies.	{ Mr. Thomas Thompson, Capt. }	133	{ Volunteers, formed on the occasion, (of which 81 armed) arrived on Saturday—but one freed. pay.
Ballymena—two Companies.	{ Hugh Campbell and Blainy Adair, Captains. }	108	{ Arrived on Saturday; and on Tuesday, a party of them were sent down the water to reinforce Capt. Dingley, where they remain'd until the French failed.
Broughshane	{ Mr. John White, Capt. }	42	{ Arrived on Saturday night;—nine of them with foythes fixed on poles.
*Ballymoney	{ Charles O'Hara, Esq. Captain (received pay but for 30 men) }	76	{ Arrived on Sunday at 2 in the afternoon, after a march of 38 miles in 24 hours—Mr. O'Hara could have marched 500 brave men had there been arms for them.
Ditto	{ John Henry, Esq. Capt. }	60	{ Arrived on Monday.
Dowagor	{ Rev. Patrick Bennett, }	300	{ Arrived on Sunday.
*Ballycote Volunteers	{ Hugh Boyd, Esq. Col. Commandant }	208	{ Arrived on Monday, all armed; & were afterwards joined by upwards of 150 more, in several parties.
Rafshaken	{ John Rowan, Esq. Captain }	82	{ Arrived on Tuesday.
*Belfast Town, three Companies	{ James Ross, Esq. }	180	{ Marched to Three Mile Water on Saturday morning; as did all the Companies that were then arrived.
	{ Stewart Banks, Esq. }	98	
	{ Mr. John Brown }	98	
The Corps that assembled at Ballahill, 1½ mile N. E. of Carrickfergus; under the care and direction of Robert Dalway, Esq.			
Idemage, Raloo, Glen, Templecorran, Kill, rest, Ballahill, and C.Fergus liberties.	{ Marriot Dalway, Esq. Capt. }	200	{ Assembled on Friday, &c. most part well armed.
Larne	{ Rev. James Dunbar, Lt. } { Mr. Patrick Allen, Lt. } { Mr. Edward Hudon, Lt. }	115	{ Arrived at Ballahill on Friday.
Glenarm	{ Adam Johnston, Esq. Capt. }	120	{ Arrived at Ballahill on Sunday, all in a good uniform, and well armed; with three pieces of cannon mounted on carriages.
	{ Mr. James Agnew, Lt. }		
	{ Mr. — Blair, Lt. }		
	{ Myara, Esq. Capt. }		
	{ John Mitchell, Lt. }		
	{ William Higginson, Lt. }		
	{ Rev. Thos. Keed, Ensign. }		
TOTAL CO. ANTRIM.		2249	

COUNTY OF DOWN.

Lord Hillborough's Regiment.		
*Purdy's Burn	{ James Willson (for his father)	195
	{ Hill Willson, Esq. appointed	
	{ paymaster to the K. forces	
	{ on that occasion) Captain.	
Castlereaugh	{ Alexander Legg and Thomas	439
Hillborough	{ Stewart, Esqrs. Lieutenants	
	{ Thos. Pottinger, Esq. Capt.	
	{ Lieut. Dan Hall, Commandant	124
Lord Rawdon's Regiment.		
(under his Lordship's command.)		
Moyna	{ His Lordship's company	95
	{ John Stothard, Esq's ditto	40
Dromore, two com-	{ James Waddell, } Capts.	183
ppanies	{	
Gilford	{ Achevon Johnston, Esq. Capt.	90
Warringtown	{ Samuel Waring, Esq. Capt.	60
Maghralin	{ Charles Douglas, Esq. Capt.	30
	{ Bernard Ward, Esq's Regiment.	
	{ In his absence (being at Parliament)	
	{ Jno. Echlin, Esq. L.C. Commandt.	
From Downpatrick,	{ Henry Waring	350
Castlereaugh, Bangor,	{ Charles Echlin	
Newtown, the Ards,	{ Steele Hawthorne } Esqrs. Capts	
Lecale and Gilball	{ David Cadell	
Waringsford	{ John Magill	50
	{ A Company joined said regiment	
	{ James Stevenfon, Esqrs. Regt.	
Killileagh	{ In his absence (he being at Parlia-)	
	{ ment) Robert Blackwood, Esq.	
	{ Lieut. Col. Commandant	167
Cumber & Ballybeen	{ Robert Gillespie, James Patter-	135
	{ son, and Robt. Kyle, Capts.	
Cumber	{ John White, Capt.	47
	{ Matthew Forde, Esq. Colonel	
Seaford	{ Commandant.	14
Sainmeid	{ Henry Savage, Esq. Lieut.	50
Ards Regiment	{ Francis Savage, Esq. Colonel	
	{ Commandant.	
Newtown	{ Arthur Kennedy, Esq. Captain	85
Holywood	{ James Hamilton, Esq. Captain	80
Donaghadee Volun-	{ Hugh Boyd, Esq. Captain	133
teers	{	
Downpatrick—3 com-	{ John Trotter, Charles Johnston and	130
ppanies Volunteers	{ Wm Hamilton, Esqrs. Capts.	
*Newry Volunteers	{ Captain Thomas Braddock	30

Total from C. DOWN. 2378

COUNTY OF ARMAGH.

Lurgan Volunteer	{ William Brownlow, Esq. Captain;	740
Troop of Dragons	{ who left Dublin on the first ad-	
	{ vice, and put himself at their head	
	{ on Tuesday	
Lyle Volunteers	{ William Robinson, Esq. Captain	70
Rich-hill Volunteers	{ Thomas Roe, Esq. Captain	
*Armagh Volunteers	{ Thomas Mc. Carrn, Esq. (as Sove-)	100
	{ reign of Armagh) Captain.	
	{ Samuel Blacker, Esq. Captain. (In	101
	{ whole absence, being in Dublin)	
*Tandragee	{ Rev. Geo. Cherry, Lieut. Commandt	
	{ Total to ARMAGH	325

Arrived in Belfast on Friday morning, well armed; being the first considerable body that came in; entered forthwith on duty, and continued so until the French failed.

Arrived on Friday forenoon.

Arrived on Friday evening at four o'clock.

Arrived on Friday forenoon.

Guarded the French prisoners to Banbridge; 60 of these arrived in Belfast on Saturday; 60 of these armed with back-swords and pikes.

Arrived Saturday morning; only one half had guns.

Arrived on Sunday.

Arrived same day.

These, with the Lieutenants and Ensigns of each respective company, arrived on Saturday.

Arrived same day.

Arrived on Saturday.

These three companies arrived on Friday forenoon.

Arrived on Saturday.

Arrived on Saturday.

Arrived on Monday at noon, divided into three companies, raised at Portaferry, Greyabbey and Ballywalter; and same day marched to Bangor to guard the coast.

Arrived on Friday forenoon.

Arrived same day at 2 in the afternoon.

Arrived on Saturday; and on Monday marched with several other companies, to guard the coast between Holywood and Donaghadee.

Arrived on Saturday.

Arrived same morning, on horseback.

2378

Received an account at 10 on Thursday night of the French being landed; marched off a quarter after 12, and arrived at 11 on Friday forenoon, under the command of Jas. Forde, Esq. 1st Lieut.

Arrived on Saturday morning.

Arrived on Sunday, on horseback.

Set out from Armagh on Saturday evening, on horseback, all armed, and arrived in Belfast on Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

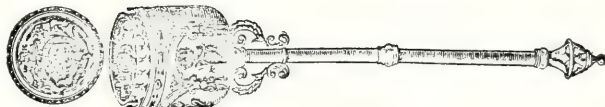
Marched on Saturday morning, and arrived at Belfast on Sunday morning, led all the way by Mr. Cherry, on foot, after a march of 25 miles.

(Total of the Three Counties 3352.)



HE Names of the Burgesses who have represented this Borough in the Different Parliaments of this Kingdom from the year 1613

Years	Names
1613	Sir John Blennerhasset K ^t 2 ^d Baron of Exch ^t George Trevilian Esq ^r
1639	Sir Wille ^m Wray K ^t & Bar ^t George Rawdon Esq ^r
1661	Willm Knight Esq ^r Counsellor at Law Henry Davys Esq ^r
1692	James MacCartney Esq ^r Geo MacCartney Esq ^r
1695	Hon ^{ble} Charles Chichester James MacCartney Esq ^r
1703	Will ^m Crawford Merchant Will ^m Cairnes Merchant Dublin
1707	Will ^m Crawford Merchant Samuel Ogle Esq ^r
1713	Rob ^t Moore Esq ^r Anthony Atkinson Esq ^r
1715	The Hon ^{ble} Capel Moore } lost their seats. Geo MacCartney Esq ^r } by another Indenture
	The Hon ^{ble} Jno Itchingham Chichester } and made their election good Geo Macartney Esq ^r }
1721	Geo Macartney Esq ^r Sen ^r Geo Macartney Esq ^r Jun ^r
1725	The Hon ^{ble} John Chichester Geo Macartney Esq ^r
1727	The Hon ^{ble} David John Barry Geo Macartney Esq ^r
1745	The Hon ^{ble} John Chichester Geo Macartney Esq ^r
1747	Will ^m Macartney, Esq ^r
1757	Will ^m Macartney Esq ^r The Hon ^{ble} Arthur Barry
1761	The Hon ^{ble} John Chichester John Ludford Esq ^r
1768	Hon ^{ble} Henry Skeffington Alex ^r Crookshanks Esq ^r Judge
1784	Hon ^{ble} Henry Skeffington Hon ^{ble} Joseph Hewitt
1790	Hon ^{ble} Henry Skeffington Sir Wille ^m Godfrey
1797	Right Hon ^{ble} Lord Spencer Chichester second son to the Marquis of Donegall Geo Crookshank Esq ^r
1798	Alexander Hamilton Esq ^r in place of Lord Spencer Chichester
1800	Edward May Esq ^r Father-in-Law to the Marq ^{ue} Donegall in place Alex ^r Hamilton Esq ^r



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 John Willoughby gent
 John Asabe gent
 Walterbowse Crimble gen
 George Cbaker gent
 Henry Squire gent
 Lewis Comash gent
 Robert Hoater gent
 Thomas Bramston ge
 Cowen Holby gent
 John Leitbes gent
 Thomas Baunington gent
 John Wlassher gent
 Thomas Cbaker gen
 John Haddock gent
 Thomas Stephenson gen
 Richard Gately gen
 John Davyes gen
 John Mitchell gen
 Willm Leythes
 George Martyn
 Hugh Doake
 John Leythes junr gen
 Thomas Wareing gen
 John Rigby gen
 Francis Mecke gen
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Elected and sworn the 24th June 1652

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& sworne the 17th of Sep 1659

The names of the Burgesses of the Borough of Belfast

William Warring gent elected and sworne y^r 17th of [May] 1660
 Edward Raynalls gent elected and sworne y^r 6th of May 1660
 Thomas Wallcott gent elected and sworne y^r 24th of June 1660
 Gilbert Wye Esq^r elected & sworne a Burgess of this Corporation the 18th of September 1662
 Francis Thetford gent was elected & sworne a Burgess of this Corporation the 1st of December 1665
 George M^rCartney niger was elected and sworne a Burgess of this Corporation 1st Decembris 1665
 Hugh Eccles was elected and sworne a Burgess of this Corporation the 2nd December 1667
 Sr Hercules Langford elected and sworn y. 24 of Ap 1669
 Capt Robert Leathes [gent] was elected and sworne a Burgess of this Corporacon on the 26th of August 1669
 James M^rCartney Councillor at Law was selected and sworne a free Burgess y^r 19th October 1670
 Henry Thetford gent was elected and sworne a free Burgess y^r 14th of June 1677
 Lewis Thomson gent was elected and sworne a free Burgess y^r 25th July 1678
 John Hamilton gent was elected and sworne a free Burgess y^r 25th July 1678
 Cap^t Edward Harrison was elected and sworne a free Burgess y^r 27th August 1680
 Thomas Knox gent y^r 27th August 1680 sworn a free Burgess
 Sampson Theaker gent was elected and sworne a free Burgess y^r 24th June 1681
 Lth John Tooley was elected and sworne free Burgess y^r 6th September 1682
 2nd Mr William Craford was elected and sworne free Burgess the 4th of March 1686
 William Lockart March was elected and sworne free Burgess the 7th May 1687
 James Buller tanner was elected and sworn a free Burgess feby 25-89
 David Smith was elected and sworne a free Burgess May 26 1690
 Arthur M^rCartney merch was elected and sworne a free Burgess 1st June 1691
 The Rth Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall was elected and sworn March 7. 1691
 Jno Chalmers merch was elected and sworn a free Burgess April 8 1693
 Capt Charles Chichester was elected and sworne a free Burgess 23 December 1697
 23 Dec 1697 Cap Edward Brice was elected & sworne a free Burgess 1697
 Capt John Chichester was elected and sworne a free Burgess 6th September 1698
 David Butle marchant was elected and sworne a free Burgess y^r 14th October 1700
 Lack M^rCartney marchant was elected and sworne a free Burgess y^r 26th day of April 1701
 George Macartney Esq^r council at Law was sworn Burgess 8th 16 1702
 feby 6 1702 neil m^rneil apothecary was sworne Burgess

Borough of
Belfast 1607

LIVING JAMES THE FIRST upon the humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Towne of Belfast by the consent of Arthur Lord Chichester Barron of Belfast and Lord deputy Generall of Ireland by his Maj^{ties} Lett^{ers} adated at the Mannor of Farnegham the last (the last) day of July and of his Raigne of England France and Ireland the 5th and of Scotland the 42 & inrolled in the Chancery of Ireland Granted a Charter to y^e said Inhabitants to make the Towne and precincts of Belfast one free Borough by the name of the Borough of Belfast and within the said Borough there be one body Corporate & politique consisting of one Sovereigne twelve free Burgisess and of the Comonalitie in deed fact and name by the Name of the Sovereigne ffree Burgisess and Comonalitie of the Borough of Belfast and that by the same name they may have perpetuall Succession the Patten passed y^e 27th Apl in y^e eleaventh of his Raigne.

The names of the first Sovereigne and Burgisess named in the Charter and the rest that succeeded to y^e year 1698.

Names	The Time when made Burgisess	The time when they were Sovereignes beginning at Michaelmas & ending in y ^e year annexed to their names
John Vesey Gent Sr fulk Conway Kt Sr Thomas Hibberts Kt Stewart to Arthur Chichester Lord Deputy of Ireland Sr Moses Hill Kt Humphrey Norton Esqr William Lewsley: gent John Willowbye: gent Carew Hart: gent John Ashb: gent Dannill Booth: gent James Burr: gent Walterhouse Crimble: gent John Burr: gent	Burgisess by Charter 27 April 1613 The Lord of the Castle of Belfast for y ^e time being and his heires & the Constable of y ^e said Castle for y ^e time being are free Burgisess by Charter	first Sovereigne 1613 1614 1627, 1617, 1618 1645 1615, 1616 1630 removed for 16 years absences anno 1662
Edward Holmes gent left 40 ster to ye poore being ye first money left in ye kinde George Theaker gent Lewis Thomson gent		in ye years 1622, 1623 1619; 1620 in 1631, 1634, removed for being alienated out of this Kingdom 6 years
Skyte gent Henry Le Squire gent Stewart and Constable to L rd Edward Chichester } Robert flosser gent Thomas Bramston gent Lewis Thomson gent Gawen Bobby gent John Leathes Senior gent Thomas Hanington gent John Wassher gent Seneschall to L rd Edward Thomas Theaker gent John Haddock gent Richard Gatley gent		1635: 36: 39 1632: 44: 48 1633: 1634 removed for absence 1638: 55 1641: 50: 51 1637: 1643: 54 1640:
In place of Gawen Bobby	8 ffeby 1640	
In place of John Willoughby	8 ffeby 1640 1642	
In place of Lewis Thomson	4 December 1642	

The Names			The time when made Burgesses		The years when they were Sovereigns
In place of Thomas Brampton	John Mitchell	gent	4	Decr	1642
In place of John Washer	William Leathes	gent	4	Decr	1642
In place of Henry Le Squire	George Martin	gent	30	Octo'	1645
In place of John Haddock	Hugh Doake	gent	30	Octo'	1645
In place of Thomas Stephen-son	John Leathes Junior	gt	18	June	1646
	Thomas Warring [after] high Sherrife of the County Antrim	gent	24	June	1652
In place of Thomas Han-nington	John Ridgby y ^e first Sovereigne made Justice of Peace of the County Antrim w ^{ch} still continues to y ^e Sovereigne for the time being	gent	17	Sep'	1655
In place of Rich ^t Gately	Capt Francis Meeke Constable of the Castle of Belfast		13	June	1657
In place of John Ash who dyed May 16 1658 vide Church Registry	Capt George M Cartney Justice of the County of Antrim & High Sherrife of the same		17	Sep'	1659
	William Warring Justice of Peace & High Sherrife of ye Co Antrim	gent	17	April	1660
In place of Wil- liam Leathes	Edward Reynell[s] gent	5	May	1660	1667
	Thomas Wallcott gent	25	June	1660	1672
In place of Waterhouse Crumble	Steward to Lord Edward & Arthur first Earle of Donegall		18	Sept'	1662
In place of Thomas Warring	Gilbert Wye gent				resigned anno 1680
	Stewart to Arthur first Earle of Donegall				
In place of Francis Meeke	francis Thetford	gent	1	December	1665
In place of John Davies	George M'Cartney niger high Sherrif of the Co Antrim	gent	1	Decr	1665
In place of Jno. Rigby	Hugh Eccles high Sherrife Co Downe	gent	2	Decr	1667
In place of Hugh Doake	Sr Hercules Langford Justice of Peace and High Sherrife of the County of Antrim		24	Aprill	1669
	Capt Robert Leathes Justice of Peace of the County Antrim Seneschall of the Mannor of Belfast & Constable of the Castle of Belfast		26	Augt	1669
The word blotted is five dayes					
In place of Wm Warring	James M'Cartney Councillor at Law, Justice of Peace of y ^e County Antrim & Seneschall of the Mannor of Belfast mem ^r of Parliament for y ^e same and at tenth one of y ^e Justices of y ^e Kings Bench		19	Octob'	1676
In place of Jno Leathes Senior	Henry Thetford	gent	14	June	1677
In place of Henry Thetford	Lewis Thomson	gent	25	July	1678

in 1645-57-58 & 59 and dyed in May 1660
Captain Meeke served the remainder

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in 1652-53-56-65-66 & in that year dyed, Edward Reynell served y^e remainder

in 1661 for y^e year ending 1662:

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in 1663-64-68-69-76-77 & 78 79 & 80.

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resigned in favour of Capt Edward Harrison

in 1686-87-88-89-90 & 97 and in 1714: resigned anno 1717. y^e 14 of June [his Roy] 1690 [his] his Royall Majesty Kinge William landed at Carrickfergus & that day came to Belfast & received with great acclamations of Joy & stayed five dayes in Belfast y^e Sovereigne & Burgesses had y^e honor of kissing his Majest^y hand, he stayd 5 five dayes.

in 1692

resigned anno 1715

in 1682: 1696:

The Names		The time when made Burgesses		The yeares when they were Sovereignes
In place of George Martin	John Hamilton gent	25	July	1678 in 1683-84
In place of Sr Hercules Longford	Capt Edward Harrisson (<i>sic</i>) High Sherrife and Justice of Peace of the County Antrim	27	Aug th	1680 in 1695
In place of Gilbert Wye	Thomas Knox Justice of Peace and high Sherrife of the County Antrim and Member of Parliam ^t	27	Aug th	1680 in 1685 resigned his Burgess ship Anno 1697
In place of Hugh Eccles	Sampson Theaker gent	24	June	1681
In place of Ed: Reynalls	Lt John Tooley	6	April	1682
In place of Jno Hamilton	William Craford gent Parliament man for Belfast	4	May	1686 in 1693:04 removed for not being qualified according to y ^e Statute
In place of John Tooley	William Lockhart gent	7	May	1687 in 1691
In place of Thos Walcoat	James Buller gent	25	Feb ^y	1689
In place of Francis Tustford	Capt David Smith	26	May	1690 in 1695 & 1700
In place of George M ^c Cartney	Arthur M ^c Cartney gent	1	June	1691
In place of Sampson Theaker	The Rt Hon ^{ble} (The third) Arthur the third Earle of Donegall	7	March	1691 in 1698 resigned anno 1697
In place of Jno Leashes	John Chalmers gent	8	April	1693 in 1702 removed for not being qualified according to the Statute
In place of Arthur 3d Earle of Donegall	The Hon ^{ble} Cap ^t Charles Chichester brother to y ^e said Earle (who) was made Burgess in his Lordships place who resigned being then Lord of the Castle of Belfast	23	Decr	1697 for y ^e years ending Micalmas 1700 but being absent at Michellmas in London Mr David Smith continued Sovereigne for that yeare
In place of Thomas Knox	Capt Edward Brice gent Member of Parliament	23	Decr	1697 removed for not being qualified according to the Statute
In place of Wm Lockhart	The Hon ^{ble} Capt John Chichester brother to y ^e said Earle Member of Parliament for Belfast & Col of Militia	6	Sep	1698 for y ^e year 1712 but being in England Roger Haddock continued Sovereign for y ^e year
Pat Duff	Richard Willowby gent Constable of the Castle w ^{ch} made him Burgess by Charter			
	Patrick Duff gent Constable of the Castle Burgess by Charter			
In place of Capt Edward Harrison	David Buttell gent	14	October	1700 in 1703 & 1704 surrendered up the rod y ^e 20 of July 1704 by a late Act of Parliam disabling dissenters to serve in publicke office and succeeded for the remainder of that yeare by George M ^c Cartney Esq ^r Councellor at Law
In place of Capt Charles Chichester Colonel of Militia	Isacke M ^c Cartney gent	26	April	1701 resigned anno 1707 in favour of Jno Hallbridge Esq ^r
In place of Geo M ^c Cartney slier	George M ^c Cartney Esq ^r Councellor at Law and Justice of Peace of the County of Antrim	16	October	1702 part of y ^e yeare 1704 in Mr. Buttles place & for y ^e yeare 1705 and 1706 and 1707 & 1708 removed for not being qualified according to the Statute
In place of James Buller	Neile McNeile gent	6	Feb ^y	1702
In place of David Smith	Capt Michael Harrison Comissary General of the Musters	6	August	1705
In place of Arthur M ^c Cartney	The Hon ^{ble} John Chichester ye second sonn to y ^e Rt Hon ^{ble} Arthur the 3d Earle of Donegall	21	December	1706 removed being a minor and not capable of qualifying under the Statute

	The Names		The time when made Burgesses	The years when they were Sovereigns	
In place of Isaac M'Cartney	John Haltridge Esq ^r High Sheriff of Down & Justice of the peace & memb ^r of Parliamt	24	April	1707	-
In place of Wm Crawford	Nathaniel Byrnt gent y ^r place of William Craford Esq ^r not qualified according to act of Parliamt	29	Novem ^r	1707	1725: dyed in his year y ^r remain- der served out by Doctor James M'Cartney
In place of Edward Brice	Richard Willson gent in place of Edward Brice Esq not qualified &c	29	Nov ^r	1707	1709
In place of David Butle	Ensigne George Portis in place of David Butle not qualified &c	29	Nove ^r	1707	
In place of Neal M'Neil	L ^d Henry Ellis in place of Neile McNeile not qualified &c	29	Nove ^r	1707	1717: 1720: 1722: dyed in this year no Sovereign for y ^r remainder of his year nor for y ^r following years 1723 vide page 279
In place of Jno Chichester: Esq	James Gurner gent in place of John Chichester Esq brother to y ^r 4th Earl of Donegall not qualified	26	Novem ^r	1707	1715: 1716:
In place of Jno Chalmers	Roger Haddock gent in place of John Chalmers not qualified &c	17	flieby	1707/8	1710: 1711: 1712: resigned his Bur- gess-ship anno 1713
In place of Lewis Thomson	Nicholas Thetford gent in place of Mr Lewis Thomson	17	flieby	1707	on y ^r 29th of November he was chosen in place of Wm Craford not qualified according to Statute, But refusing a Burgess ship coming in such manner, He was again chosen y ^r February after anno 1707 in place of Lewis Thompson deceased.
In place of Michael Harrison	Major George Macartney gent Attorney in place of Capt Michael Harrison elected and sworne y ^r 7 day May 1709 He was Justice of y ^r peace and Parliament man for Belfast	2	May	1709	1724: dyed in his year y ^r remain- der served out by Nathaniel Byrnt Esq ^r
In place of Richard Willson	Hans Hamilton gent in y ^r place of Richard Willson elected and sworne the 8th day of December 1711 High Sheriff of y ^r County of Ardmagh and Down Justice of the pence and member of Parliament	8	Decemb	1711	1713:
	Tho Bankes gent Constable of the Castle of Belfast & took y ^r oath of a Burgess	8	Decemb	1711	
	Robert Le Byrnt gent Constable of the Castle of Belfast & took the oath of a Burgess	24	June	1712	As to y ^r office of Constable of the Castle It is so changeable & so many successions that were they entered regularly, as often as new appointed, They would fill up of themselves several pages.
In place of Roger Haddock	Robert Le Byrnt gent	28	Xb ^r	1713	1721: 1734: 1735: 1739: 1740: 1743
In place of Judge McCartney	Thom Hewitson Edward Clements Esq ^r High Sheriff of y ^r County of Antrim and Justice of y ^r peace for s ^t County and Major of Militia	27 16	May August	1718 1715	
In place of Edwd Clements	James M'Cartney				p ^t 1725 & 1726
In place of Capt ⁿ Robert Leaths	Jno Carpenter gent	13	April	1717	1718: 1719:
In Room of Harry Ellis Deceased	John Clugstone Hon ^{ble} Jo Skeffington	12	Novr	1723	p ^t of 1726 & 1727: 1728: 1732: 1733

The Names		The time when made Burgesses.		The years when they were Sovereigns	
Mich Thetford Deceas'd	Genl Nich ^s Price	12	Nov ^r	1723	
Jas Gurner Deceas'd	Cha ^s Macartney	12	Nov ^r	1723	
Geo Portis Deceas'd	Ja ^s Read	12	Nov ^r	1723	
Geo Macartney Junr Deceas'd	Hon ^{ble} John Chichester	11	Aug ^d	1724	Mort
John Haltridge Deceas'd	Crom ^s Price	16	feb ^r	1724	Mort
Nathl Byrnt Deceas'd	Ezek ^s Davis Wilson	27	Sep ^r	1725	Mort
Dr Jas Macartney Deceas'd	John Duff	18	Sep ^r	1727	1730-1741-1742-1747 P ^l of 1753 dyed in the office
Jas Read Deceas'd	Tho ^s Banks	18	Sep ^r	1727	1729
Hans Hamilton Deceas'd	Arthur Byrnt	12	May	1729	1731-1744-1745-1746-1752-1754 1757 Mort
Jon Carpenter Deceas'd	Arthur Thetford	20	May	1729	Mort
Ar Thetford Deceas'd	Margetson Saunders	17	May	1733	1736-1737-1738-1748-54 Mort
Genl Price Deceas'd	W ^m Montgomery of Rosemount	30	July	1735	Mort
Ezek Da Wilson Deceas'd	Valentine Jones of Lisburn	2	May	1738	Mort
John Clugston Deceas'd	Davys Wilson	4	May	1738	Mort
Honble John Skeffington Deceas'd	Hon ^{ble} Arth ^r Skeffington	27	Sept	1742	Mort
Robt Byrnt Deceas'd	Wm Macartney	17	feb ^r	1745	resigned in July 1770
Thos Banks Deceas'd	Stewart Banks	26	May	1746	1755-1758-1762-1766-1771
Honble John Chichester Deceas'd	Geo Macartney	22	Sep ^r	1745	1749-1750-1751-1756-1759-1763- 1764-1765-1767-1768 Mort
Honble Arthur Skeffington Deceas'd	Jos Green	6	8ber	1747	Mort
John Duff Deceas'd	Hon ^{ble} Arth ^r Barry	31	Oct ^{br}	1753	Mort
Wm Mont- gomery Deceas'd	John Gordon	6	June	1755	Resigned
Margetson Saunders Deceas'd	Stephen Haven	6	Sep ^r	1757	1760-1770 Mort
Jos Green Deceas'd	Ja ^s Hamilton	6	Sep ^r	1757	1761-1769 Mort
George Macartney Deceas'd	John Ludford	3	Dec ^r	1757	Resigned in July 1775
In place of Charles Macart- ney Esq deceased	Tho ^s Ludford Esqr	15	March	1759	Resigned in July 1770
In place of Davys Wilson Esqr deceased	The Hon ^{ble} John Chichester Brother to y ^e present Right Hon ^{ble} Arthur 5 th Earl of Donegall	17	July	1760	Mort
In place of Valen- tine Jones Esqr deceased	James Lewis	1	April	1761	Sov ^{ty} for 1773-1777 Mort
In place of John Gordon resigned	The Hon ^{ble} Hungerford Skeffington	8	Sept	1767	Mort
In place of Honble Hungerford Skeffington Deceased	Revd Jams Saurin	30	Sep	1768	Mort

The Names		The time when made Burgesses.		The years when they were Sovereigns	
In place of Wm Macartney resigned	George Portis	26	July	1770	
In place of John Ludford resigned	George Black	26	July	1770	Sov ^s for 1774 1775 1776 1782 1783 1785
In place of Tho Ludford resigned	Shem Thomson	26	July	1770	Sov ^s for 1772 <i>Mort</i>
In place of James Hamilton deceased	Rev Wm Tisdall Justice of peace for the County of Antrim	26	July	1770	<i>Mort</i>
Hble Arth: Barry	The Hon ^{ble} Henry Skeffington	18	July	1774	Justice of peace for the County of Antrim
Revd James Saurin	Rev Will: Bristow: Justice of peace for the County of Antrim	18	July	1774	1786-1787-1788-1790-1791-1792-1793-1794-1795-1796-1798
Arth Byrt	Samuel Black	18	July	1774	Sov for 1779-1780-1781-1784-1789
Shem Thompson	Henry Joy	1	May	1781	<i>Mort</i>
Crom Price	Edward Patterson	1	May	1781	resigned in Sept 1793
John Chichester	Edward Kingsmill	28	Oct ^r	1786	Justice of the peace for the Counties of Down and Antrim
James Lewis	Robt Apsley M.D.	28	Oct ^r	1786	
Stephen Haven	Chichester Skeffington	29	Sept	1792	
George Macartney	John Brown	29	Sept	1792	1797-1799-1800-1801 <i>Mort</i>
Henry Joy	E D Wilson	21	April	1796	
Will Tisdall	Rev Geo Macartney LLD	21	April	1796	carried to page 187
Names continued from page 236		The time of their being made Burgesses		The time when they were Sovereigns Magistrate	
In place of Saml Black deceased	Geo Bristow	2	Decem ^r	1797	
In place of Revd E Patterson resigned	Rev Snowden Couples	2	Dec ^r	1797	
E Kingsmill	L ^d Spencer Chichester	18	Ap ^l	1799	<i>dead</i>
Geo Portis	Ed ^l May	18	Ap ^l	1799	24 Sept ^r 1802 <i>Dead</i>
Thos Saunders	Art. Chichester				resigned
Geo Black	Sir W ^m Kirk Kt	17	feby	1801	<i>dead</i>
Honble Chichester Skeffington resigned	Art Chichester	15	June	1801	1802
Art Chichester	Hon ^{ble} Chichester Skeffington	15	June	1801	<i>dead</i>
Jos Brown	Thos L Stewart	5	May	1802	
Stewart Banks	E May Jun ^r	24	June	1806	30th October 1806 <i>dead</i>
R Apsley	Rev ^d R Wolsely	1	Aug ^s	1806	
Revd W Bristow	Thomas Verner	16	March	1810	24th June 1812
Earl Masserene	And ^s Alexander	22	Nov ^r	1811	
Sir Ed May	Sir Stephen May	23	Sept	1814	13 March 1815

Elettō Superiorum

1632 Robert Foster gent one of the Burgesses of the Burrough of Belfast was by Lawfull presentation from the right Hon^{ble} Edward Lord Viscount Chichester the 24th day of June Anno dⁿⁱ 1632 elected and chosen in the office of a Sovereigne of the said Burrough and to take his oathe upon the heaste of St Michael tharchangell next ensueinge for the due execution thereof for one whole yeare from thence to be compleate and ended according to the tyme in and by his Maj^{ties} Charter granted to the said Burrough lymitted

- 1632 Thomas Bramston
- 1634 Lewys Thomson
- 1635 Henry Le-Squire
- 1636 Henry Le-Squire
- 1637 John Wassher
- 1638 John Leythes
- 1639 Henry Le Squire
- 1640 John Haddocke
- 1641 Thomas Hanington
- 1642 Thomas Stephenson
- 1643 Thomas Theaker
- 1644 Robt foster

(A similar entry to the one above occurs after each name followed by periods, but is here omitted for brevity.)

Juratio Superiorum

1632 Robert Foster gent one of the Burgisses of Belfast was the XXIXth daie of September Anno Dni 1632 sworne in the office of a Sovereigne for the Burrough aforesaid before John Wassher gentleman Constable of the Castle for the tyme being and so continued in the said office for one whole yeere from thence next ensueinge

1633 Thomas Bramston sworne before John Wassher (A similar entry to the one above occurs after each name followed by periods.)

1634 Lewys Thomson sworne before Henry Le Squire Constable of the Castle

1635 Henry Le-Squire sworne before John Wassher

1636 Henry Le Squyre sworne before the R^t Honble L^d Viscount Chichester

1637 John Wassher sworne before Henry Le Squire Constable of the Castle

1638 John Leathes sworne before Henry Le Squire Constable of the Castle

1639 Henry Le Squyre sworne before the Rt Honble L^d Viscount Chichester

1640 John Haddock sworne before the R^t Honble L^d Viscount Chichester

1641 Thomas Hanington sworne before the R^t Honble L^d Viscount Chichester

1642 Thomas Stephenson sworne before the R^t Honble L^d Viscount Chichester

1644 Robt foster sworne before Francis Meeke Captane Constable of the Castle

1645 Willm Leathes gentl one of the Burgesses of the Burrough and Towne of Belfast by lawfull p'sentation from Captain Francis Meeke Constable of the Castle of Belfast in the absence of the right hono^{ble} Edward Lord Viscount Chichester upon the 24th day of June 1645 was elected and chosen in the office of Sovereigne of the said Burrough and to take his oath upon the 29th day of Septemb^r next ensueinge for

the due execution thereof for one whole year from thence to be compleat & ended according to the tyme in his Ma^t Charter granted to the said Burrough lymitted these Burgesses hereafter named being upon the Ellection

Robte foster Sovereigne

francis Meeke Constable

John Ash gen [whose name & hand was written hereunto without any consent of mine witness my hand John : Ayshe : sovrain]

Thomas Hanington gen Richard Gately gen John Mitchell gen George

Martyn gen Hugh Doak gen

This writing above defaced was found to be indiscreetly written by Mr Ash and therefore ordered to be raced by the Sovereigne & Burgesses

Richard Gatie Thomas Hanington HD George Martyn
Tho Theaker Rob Foster

Willm Leathes gentleman one of the Burgesses of the Burrough and Towne of Belfast uppon the 29th day of September 1645 was sworne in the office of Sovereigne of the said Burrough win the Castle of Belfast before Major Coughran then Comander in Cheefe there and from him did receive the staffe for to continue in the said office for one whole yeare yf hee see long live

[this oath was given by maior Coughran contrary to our Charter and Improperly taken by Mr Leathes]

Likewise this entry of Mr Ash ordered to be raced by the Sovereigne & Burgesses

Hugh HD Doake Rob Foster Thomas Hanington Tho Theaker Richard Gatie George Martyn

1646 John Ash gentleman one of the Burgesses of the Burrough and Towne of Belfast by lawfull p'sentation from Captain francis Meeke Constable of the Castle of Belfast aforeside in the absence of the right Honoble Edward lord Viscount Chichester uppon the 24th daye of June 1646 was ellected and chosen in the office of Sovereigne of the said Burrough and to take the oath of [the] a Sovereigne uppon the 29th of Septembr next ensuing for the due execution thereof for one whole yeare from thence to be compleat and ended according to the tyme in his Maties letters patents granted to the saide Burrough lymitted. These Burgesses hereafter named being upon the Ellection

Willm Leithes Sovr 1646

Thomas Hanington Richard Gately George Martin hew doak John Leese
frn: Meeke John Michell Rob Foster Jo: Leithes

1646 John Rigby gent one of the free Burgesses of ye Burrough and Towne of Belfast uppon the 24th day of September 1646 was sworne in the office of Soverein within the Castle of Belfast before Capt francis Meeke Constable of the Castle of Belfast and to continew in the said office for one whole yeare yf he so long live

John Ayshe Sovrein

1647 Hugh Doake gent one of the Burgesses of Belfast uppon the 29th of September 1647 was sworne in the office of Sovereigne of the said Burrough wth the Castle of Belfast before Ca^t francis Meeke Constable of the Castle in the absence of the right honorable Edward Lord Viscount Chichester and to continue in ye said office for one whole yeare yf hee see long shall continue in the said office

1648 Robert foster (A similar entry to the one above occurs after each name followed by periods)

1649 George Marten

1650 Thomas Hanington sworne before Ca: francis Meeke by authority and order from Col Robert Venables commander in cheif wthin these parts of Ulster

1651 Thomas Hanington sworne before Capt francis Meeke

1652 Thomas Warringe sworne before Capt francis Meeke

1653 Thomas Warringe sworne before Capt francis Meeke

1654 Thomas Theaker sworne before Capt francis Meeke

1655 John Leythes sen sworne before Capt francis Meeke

Att an Assemlie by the Sov^{ane} and major p^a of the Burgesses the 17th daye of Septemb^r 1655 uppon the Ellection of a Burgess in the place and roome of Mr Thomas Hanington deceased late one of the Burgesses by consent of the right honor^{ab}le Arthur Lord Viscount Chichester and by the Ellection of Mr Thomas Theaker then Sov^{ane} of the Burrough of Belfast and the major p^a of the Burgesses then being Mr

John Rigby was elected and sworne a free Burgesse of the said Borough in the roome of the said Mr. Hanington according to the liberties & privileges of the said Towne w^{ch} said Sov^{aine} & major p^{ts} of Burgeses then p^{re}s^{ent} upon the said Eleccion have heretofore subscribed their names the daye and yeare above said

Tho Theaker Sov^{aine}

Willm Leithes 1655 George Martin Richard Walle Towne Clerk John Leithes
John Michell Tho Waring x Richard Gateley m^{rs}

1656 Thomas Wareinge elected and sworne as Sovereign

1657 Att an Assembly holden the 13th of June 1657 by the Sov^{aine} & Burgeses for the Eleccion of a Burgess in the roome of M^r Richard Gateley late Burgess deceased Captaine Francis Meeke was elected and sworne in the office of a Burgess of the said Borough of Belfast in the p^{re}s^{ent} of the Sov^{aine} & Burgeses whose names are as hereafter followeth

Tho Wareing Sov^{aine}

Willm Leythes George Marten Hugh Doake John Leythes Sen^r Tho Theaker

1657 Willm Leathes elected and sworne as Sovereign (A similar entry to the one above occurs after each name followed by periods)

1658 William Leathes elected and sworne as Sovereign

1659 William Leathes gent was sworne in y^e office of the Sofferaigne of the Borough of Belfast the 29th day of September 1659 according to the use and custome of the said Towne for the due execution of his said office before Capt Francis Meeke Constable of the Castle of Belfast in y^e absence of the right honor^{ble} Arthur Lord Viscount Chichester of Garrickfergus and Earle of Donnegill and is to continue in the said office for one whole year according to y^e time limited by the Charter if he shall soe longe live but on y^e 6th day of May 1660 he departed this life in Belfast where great Lament^{ation} was made for y^e Losse of soe honest just and upright man and eminent in his place being ever a support to y^e needy fatherlesse and widdows y^e next day following appointed for his buriall was carryed by eight of his surname pav^{ts} in Brothers accompanied by y^e R^{ts} Honor^{ble} y^e Earle of Donnegill & y^e Marquisse of Antrim with y^e greatest part of y^e Inhabitants of Belfast and many others, there was placed on his hearse eight Scutchens of his Armes with y^e white rod of Justice and y^e two Maces of y^e Corporacon mourning Ribbon was dealt (in) plentyfull all performed by his sons and after he was interr^d and his funeral sermon preached Capt Francis Meeke one of the Burgeses of y^e Corporacon by eleccion with consent of y^e R^{ts} Honor^{ble} y^e Earle of Donnegill was sworne in y^e office of Sovereigne of y^e Borough aforesaid to continue till y^e feast of S^t Michaell y^e Archangell next following

1660 Capt Francis Meeke (see preceding note) Elected and Sworne as Sovereign before Thomas Walcott Constable of the Castle

1661 John Rigby elected and sworne as Sovereign before the Right Honourable Arthur Lord Viscount Chichester he was alsoe made Justice of peace for y^e County of Antrim as he was Sovereigne of Belfast and the Sovereignes for y^e time being successively are to be Justices of Peace as aforesaid

1662 George M^cCartney elected and sworne as Sovereign before Capt Meeke Constable of the Castle

1662 George M^cCartney gent was sworne and made Justice of peace for y^e County of Antrim by vertue of y^e Comission of y^e peace und^r y^e great Seale of Ireland and to continue during his Sovereignty of y^e said Borough

1663 George M^cCartney elected and sworne as Sovereign before Thomas Walcott Constable of the Castle

1664 Tho Waring elected and sworne as Sovereign before Michael Harrison Constable of the Castle

1665 Thomas Waring elected and sworne as Sovereign before Michael Harrison

1666 Thomas Waring But on the three and Twentieth day of November following he departed this life in Belfast

And Edward Reynell gent one of the Burgeses of this Corporacon was the first day of December next following by eleccion and with the consent of the Right Honor^{ble} the Earle of Donegall sworne Sovereigne of the said Borough and to continue in the sayd office untill the feast of S^t Michaell next following

1666 Edward Reynell Esq^r aforesaid one of y^e Bur^{ges}ses of Belfast on y^e 22th of June 1666 by Lawfull p^{re}s^{ent}ation from y^e R^{ts} Honor^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall & was elected and chosen to y^e office of Sovereigne of Belfast aforesaid for one whole yeare from y^e 29th of September next following

1667 Edward Reynell Esqr afforesaid sworn before the Rt Honble the Earl of Donegall

1668 George M'Cartney

1669 George M'Cartney

1670 William Warring

1671 William Warring

1672 Thomas Wallcott

1673 George M'Cartney

1674 George M'Cartney

1675 Hugh Eccles

(A similar entry to the one above occurs after each name followed by periods)

1676-81 George M'Cartney Esqr a Burgess of this Corporacon was elected and sworne Sovereigne for y^e year ending Michaelmas 1076. After elected and sworne from year to year successively till y^e end of y^e year 1681

1682 Francis Thetford Burgess elected and sworne Sovereigne for y^e year end Michaelmas 1682

1683 Lewis Thomson Burgess was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year end Michaelmas 1683

1684-1685 John Hamilton gent one of the Burgesses of the Corporacon of Belfast was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michaelmas 1684 and after was elected and sworne Sovereigne for y^e year end Michaelmas 1685

1685 Thomas Knox Burgess was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year end Michaelmas 1685

1687-1688-1689-1690 Capt Rob^t Leathes Burgess was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year end Michaelmas 1687 afterwards elected and sworne from year to year successively till y^e end of y^e year at Michaelmas 1690. That Thomas Pottinger a march^t & fireman of *Belfast* without y^e consent of the Lord of the Castle Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonsality of the Borough of Belfast procured a new Charter from King James then in Ireland in y^e year 1689 *upon* and y^e said Thomas Pottinger made y^e first Sovereigne and thirty five Burgesses viz Neil o'Neil Barr^t Marke Talbot Esq^r Daniel o'Neil Esq^r Charles o'Neil Esq^r Felix o'Neil Esq^r John o'Neil Esq^r John o'Neil de Ballyboran Esq^r Daniell M'Naten Esq^r James Wogan Esq^r James Neterville Esq^r John Savage Esq^r Martin Gernon Esq^r John M'Nachtan Esq^r Aneas Moylin Esq^r George M'Cartney Esq^r John o'Neil gent Toul o'Neil gent Patrick Moylin Phisic^t Charles Mulhollan gent Abraham Lee gent George M'Cartney merch^t Thomas Knox James Shaw William Lockard William Dobbin Edward Pottinger Peter Knowles John Fletcher John Eccles William Craford Henry Chads Humphrey Dobbin David Smith Hugh Eccles and John Chalmers in which Charter there is a proviso that y^e Lord Deputy generall or other Cheife Governors of Ireland with y^e Privy Councill have power to amove or remove the Sovereigne or Burgesses or any of them or any other officer in y^e said Borough *at their will* and good pleasure from their respective offices and places of trust & that noe Recorder or Towne Clerk of the Borough aforesaid that shall be elected and chosen by y^e Sovereigne & Burgesses afforesaid for the Borough aforesaid [shall not] be admitted till he or they be approved of by the Cheife Governor or [Cheife] Governors aforesaid soe that it appears plainly by the said proviso that the Sovereigne and Burgesses Recorder Towne Clarke Sargents at Mace and any other officer of the said Borough without any fault comitted or offence given may at any time be laid asside or removed at the pleasure of the Cheife Governor or Governors & privy Councell of Ireland aforesaid anything to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. O brave Thomas Pottinger who did not consider the solem oath of a freeman he had taken to maintaine all the rights and priviledges of the Corporacon granted by the old Charter by w^{ch} the Corporacon was governed by a Sovereigne and twelve Burgesses beside y^e Earle of Donegall Lord of the Castle of Belfast and the Constable thereof who are Burgesses by y^e old Charter That upon Landing of their Maj^{ties} Army at Bangor in y^e County of Downe y^e fifteenth day of August one thousand six hundred and eighty nine unde^r command of his Grace [frederick Duke] frederick Duke of Sconberg generall of their Maj^{ties} forces when he came to Belfast he issued a Proclamation bearing date y^e fourteenth September one thousand six hundred eighty nine impowring and comanding all Protestant subjects to retourne to their severall and respective properties and their respective Corporacons to their antient Charters and the severall Protestant Justices of the peace to their respective trust impowring them to doe and execute all things they might or could doe by vertue of their Charters and Comissions of the peace pursuant to w^{ch} proclamation Capt Robert Leathes the last Sovereigne of the old Charter at y^e time when y^e new one was brought to Belfast Tooke upon him againe y^e Governm^t and magistracy of the Corporacon as formerly & continued therein till

Michaelmas one thousand [seven] six hundred and ninety 1690 in wth year y^e fourteenth day of June one thousand six hundred and ninety his most gracious and Pussant Maj^{ty} Kinge William Landed at Carrickfagus & that same day his Maj^{ty} and Duke Scomberge in a Coach came to Belfast (the Towne at that time being full of his Maj^{ty} Army and Traine of Artillery besides many hospitalls of sick sold^r from y^e Camp of Dundalke) was received at y^e entrance of the Towne by the Sovereigne Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Corporacon and that part of the Armeey then in their best formallitys with acclamacions of great joy and rejoyceing and was conducted to y^e Castle where he graciously received the Sovereigne & Burgesses where y^e Sovereigne upon his Kneee humbly presented the Rod of authority w^{ch} his Maj^{ty} received bidding him rise and gave it back againe and y^e Sovereigne againe kneeling presented an address of the Sovereigne Burgesses and Comonality w^{ch} was [red] read before his Maj^{ty} and after received it and the Kinge put it in his Pockett and then the Sovereigne and Burgesses had the honor of Kissing his Maj^{ty} hand That his Maj^{ty} stayed five nights in Belfast and was very well pleased with the Inhabitants and the Towne and its civitacion and said (when within the Castle and the doors being open to y^e garden) that was life Whitehall—it cannot be omitted to tell that the Sovereigne intended to acquainte his Maj^{ty} that the Corporacon had neither Landis Tenem^{ts} hereditam^{ts} Rents or Comons to maintaine and support the authority of the same or for discharging any publike Taxes or charges of the Towne Though by its Trade it was considerable in customes and Excise in y^e Eschequer to y^e value of about Twenty thousand pounds str per Ann—humbly to pray his Maj^{ty} that he would be pleased to grant out of the enemyes Estates (he was going to subdue) such a proportion as his Maj^{ty} in his gracious favour should think fit butt the Burgesses were altogether against it (amongest severall of their argum^{ts} saying it would be a great shame to begg of his Maj^{ty} at his cominge to Towne though they were tould such an opportunity (if lost) might never againe be had ; It was certainly reported by a gentleman of good credit and reputation that when y^e Kinge was in y^e West of Ireland discourcing of the Kingdom in [genell] generall this gentleman being present heard *his Maj^{ty} say* that he liked the north part where his Maj^{ty} had been especially Belfast and the Country therabouts and said likewise that if the Magistrates and people of Belfast had asked anything of him he would have given it them the losse is irreparable till a King or Queen comes to Belfast w^{ch} may never be but if it should happen their inclynacions may not be soe kinde to Belfast as his Maj^{ty} King William designed y^e old Proverb holds a dum man gets noe land time was and now [it] is Past.

1691 William Lockart Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michaelmas 1691

1692 James M^cCartney Esq^r Councillor at Law & Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michaelmas 1692

1693-1694 William Craford Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michallmas 1693 and alsoe elected and sworne for the year end Michallmas 1694

1695 Capt Eward (*sic*) Harrison Esq^r Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michallmas 1695

1696 Lewis Thomson Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michallmas 1696

1697 Capt Robert Leathes Esq^r Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michallmas 1697

1698 The Rt Honble Arthur Earle of Donegall was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year end Michallmas 1698

Captain Robert Leathes served Deputy for y^e year y^e Lord Longford and Lady Ann then Lords of the Castle of Belfast

1699-1700 David Smith Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michallmas 1699 Capt Charles Chichester being elected for y^e year ending Michallmas 1700 but after went to London & came not to Belfast at Michallmas to be sworne soe David Smith continued Sovereigne for that year according to Charter

1701 George M^cCartney Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for y^e year ending Michallmas 1671

1702 John Chalmers Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michaelmas 1672

1703 & parte of 1704 David Buttle Burgesse was elected and sworne [Sovereigne] for the year ending Michallmas 1703 and againe elected and sworne Sovereigne for y^e year ending Michallmas 1704 but surrendered the Rod the 29th of July 1704 by a late Act of Parliam^t disabling dissenters to serve in publike office and succeeded for y^e remainder of that year by George Macartney Esq^r Councillor at Law

part of 1704 George MacCartney Esq^r Councillor at Law & Burgesse was elected sworne Sovereigne for that parte of y^e year viz from y^e 29th July 1704 to Michaelmas following w^{ch} time M^r Buttle y^e former Sovereigne surrendered up into y^e hands of the Corporacon disabling dissenters to serve in publicke office by vertue of an Act of Parliam^t in that case made and Provided

1705 George Macartney Esq^r Councillor at Law & Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michaelmas 1705

1706 George MacCartney Esq^r Councillor at Law & Burgesse was elected & sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michaelmas 1706

1707 George MacCartney Esq^r Councillor at Law and Burgesse was elected and sworne Sovereigne for the year ending Michaelmas 1707

1708 George Macartney Esq^r Councillor at Law and Burgess according to former election for y^e year 1707 continues Sovereigne for the year end Michaelmas 1708 because according to y^e Charter [Capt Brice being upon] y^e Leete sent downe to y^e Sovereigne & Burgesse und^r ye hand of y^e R^t Hono^{ble} y^e Countis Dowager of Donegall and y^e R^t Hono^{ble} y^e Earle of Donegall had 3 Burgesse named one of w^{ch} was Capt Edward Brice who was elected and chosen for that year but would not qualifie himselfe according to the Act of Parliam^t soe that he disabled himselfe from takeing y^e office of Sovereigne

1709 Whereas the R^t Hono^{ble} Arthur Earle of Donegall did in pursuance of the power to him given by the Charter send us Leete this day in w^{ch} Leete were named Michael Harrison Esqr Richard Willson gent and James Gurner gent Wee the Sovereigne and Burgeses in pursuance of the power to us given by said Charter have elected and chosen said Richard Willson one of the three named in said Leet to serve as Sovereigne of the said Borough for the year ensuing from Michaelmas 1708 to Michaelmas 1709 as witness our hands the 24th of June 1708 Geo Macartney Sovereign

Robt Leathes Nathl Byrnt Richard Willson George Portis Henry Ellis James Gurner Roger Haddock Nicholas Thetford

1710 (A similar entry occurs after each year, followed by periods, but is omitted for brevity). The Leet, James Gurner Roger Haddock and Nathaniel Byrnt who was chosen as Sovereign Richard Wilson Sovereign

Robt Leathes Nathl Byrnt George Portis Henry Ellis Nicholas Thetford Roger Haddock James Gurner

1711 The Leet Roger Haddock present Sovereign, James Gurner James Portis Roger Haddock chosen Roger Haddock Sovern

Robt Leathes Geo Macartney Nathl Byrnt Richard Wilson George Portis Henry Ellis James Gurner Nicholas Thetford

1712 The Leet Roger Haddock present Sovereign, the Honble John Chichester & James Gurner the Honble John Chichester chosen

Roger Haddock Sover^t

Robt Leathes Geo Macartney John Haltridge Nath Byrnt George Portis Henry Ellis James Gurner Nicholas Thetford Geo Macartney

Whereas Cap John Chichester was elected Sovereigne of the Borough of Belfast for the year 1712 but he being in England and came not to Belfast at Michaelmas following to be sworne according to y^e charter So Roger Haddock y^e present Sovereigne continues for that year

1713 The Leet Roger Haddock present Sovereign, Hans Hamilton James Gurner Hans Hamilton chosen Roger Haddock Sovern

Henry Ellis James Gurner Nicholas Thetford Rob Le Byrnt Rob^t Leathes Nath Byrnt George Portis

1714 The Leet Hans Hamilton Robert Leathes James Gurner Robert Leathes chosen

Hans Hamilton Nath Byrnt George Portis Henry Ellis James Gurner Nicholas Thetford Rob^t Lebyrnt

1715 The Leet Robert Leathes James Gurner Henry Ellis James Gurner chosen Rob^t Leathes Sovereigne Nath Byrnt James Gurner Rob^t Lebyrnt The Banks

Whereas y^e Right Hono^{ble} ye Earl of Donegall did send a Leet in pursuance to y^e power given him by y^e Charter for electing y^e Sovereign of Belfast for y^e ensuing year commencing from Michaelmas next and upon y^e said Election y^e Sovereign and Burgeses met this day in y^e Town Hall commonly called y^e Markett house of Belfast that in y^e said Leet James Gurner Esqr Robert Leathes Esqr and Robert Le Byrnt Gent

were nominated by the said Earl of Donegall That upon y^e said Election the Hon^{ble} Capt John Chichester George Macartney and John Haldrick Esqrs Mr George Portis Mr Nicholas Thetford and Mr George Macartney Gents in y^e said Election give their votes for y^e said Robert Leathes Esqr To Succeed as Sovereign for y^e year commencing at Michaelmas next the votes for y^e said Robert Leathes being y^e six Gents above mentioned and at y^e same time James Gurner Esqr present Sovereign Nathaniel Byrrt Robert Leathes Robert Le Byrrt Mr Henry Ellis four of y^e Burgesses in y^e Corporation of Belfast and Mr Thomas Banks Constable of the Castle gave their votes for y^e Election of Mr Robert Le Byrrt The said James Gurner Sovereign did not give two votes but decided that if he had two votes he gave them for the said Robert Le Byrrt Witness our hands this 24th June 1715 James Gurner Sovereign

Nicholas Thetford Rob^t Lebyrrt Geo Macartney Jun^r Tho^s Banks Jas Rich:
Chichester Geo Macartney John Haltridge Nath Byrrt George Portis Henry
Ellis

N B Gurner continued Sovereign y^e said year of this Election

1717 (see note p 244) The Leet James Gurner Hans Hamilton Henry
Ellis Henry Ellis chosen James Gurner Sovereign

Rob^t Leathes Henry Ellis George Portis Hans Hamilton Rob^t Le Byrrt
Tho^s Banks

1718 The Leet Henry Ellis John Carpenter James Gurner John Carpenter
chosen Henry Ellis Sovereign

Rob^t Leathes Nath Byrrt George Portis James Gurner Nicholas Thetford
Rob^t Lebyrrt

1719 The Leet John Carpenter Henry Ellis Robert Lebyrrt John
Carpenter chosen Jo^s Carpenter Sovereign

Nath Byrrt Henry Ellis George Portis James Gurner Nich Thetford Rob^t Le-
byrrt Tho Hewesson Rob Leathes.

1720 The Leet Robert Lebyrrt Henry Ellis James Gurner Henry Ellis
chosen Jo^s Carpenter Sover^t

Geo Macartney John Haltridge Nath Byrrt Henry Ellis George Portis James
Gurner Rob^t Lebyrrt Nicholas Thetford Geo Macartney Jas Macartney

1721 The Leet Henry Ellis present Sovereign Robert Lebyrrt James
Gurner Robert Lebyrrt chosen Henry Ellis Sove^t

Geo Macartney Nath Byrrt Geo Portis James Gurner Nicholas Thetford
Geo Macartney Jas Macartney John Clugston

1722 The Leet Robert Byrrt present Sovereign, Henry Ellis James
Gurner Henry Ellis chosen Robt Byrrt Sov^t

Geo Macartney Nath Lyrrt Geo Portis James Gurner Nicholas Thetford Geo
Macartney Henry Ellis Jas Macartney John Clugston

Whereas the R^d Hon^{ble} Arthur Earl of Donegall did in pursuance of a power to him
given by y^e Charter send us a Leet this day in w^{ch} Leet were named Hans Hamilton
Esqr Robert Byrrt and John Carpenter Vee the Free Burgesses of the Burrough of (There
being no Sovereign of y^e said Towne sworn) in pursuance of y^e power to us given by y^e
s^d Charter have unanimously Elected & chosen y^e s^d Hans Hamilton Esq^r one of y^e three
Burgesses named in y^e s^d Leet to serve as Sovereign of this Burrough for one year to
commence from Michaelmas next

Witness our hands this twenty fourth day of June 1723

N.B. From y^e death of Mr. Ellis and during y^e year 1723 Throw contests between
y^e Burgesses and Family there was no Sovereign nor did Mr Hamilton tho Elected as
above for 1724: But by agreement George Macartney Jun^r Esq^r did serve for that year

Geo Macartney Nathl Byrrt George Portis Geo Macartney Robt Byrrt Jas
Macartney John Clugston

1725 (see note p 244) The Leet Nathaniel Byrrt Doctor James Macartney
John Clugston Nathaniel Byrrt chosen

George Macartney Robt Byrrt Jas Macartney John Clugston Chas Macartney
Tho^s Banks Constable of the Castle

1726 . The Leet Doctor James Macartney John Clugston the Honble Nicholas Price
Doctor James Macartney chosen Nath Byrrt Sovereign Robert Byrrt James Macartney
John Clugston Cha Macartney Tho Banks Constable

1727 The Leet John Clugston, Honble John Skeffington Nicholas Price John
Clugston chosen. Geo Macartney Robt Byrrt John Clugston Chas Macartney Ezek
Darys Wilson



THE ROLL OF THE FREEMEN

- Belfast 21st January 1635 } Sampson Styles was made free Stapler of the Burrough aforesaid
 mort } the day & yeere aforesaid
 mort } The same day John Dickson was made free of the same
 22nd January 1635 } John Langtree was made free Stapler the day aforesaid of the same
 [mort] } The same day Thomas Hodgkins was also made free Stapler of the same
- Thomas Hodgkins venit in propria persona sua 23 die Maij 1648 per quod satis liquet comparuit hic adhuc superstes testis Edwardus Bell de Malone per me Ricardum Wall
- Mr Jo: Washer mort } The same day Willm Walsh was made free of the same
 Sovereign 1637 } James Woodroffe gent made free Stapler of the Burrough of Belfast
 mort } the fift day of October Anno dni 1637
 mort } Nicholas [Tonson] Tomas gent made free Stapler the same day and yeere
 Henry Sands gent made free Stapler of this Burrough the seaventeenth day of October 1637
 Ellys flogg merchant made free Stapler the same day & yeere & gave to the towne & church xx^s
- 7th Die December 1637 } Thomas Bradley gent made free Stapler the same day & yeere
 mort } Humphrey Beare gent made free Stapler the same day & yeere
 mort } Symeon Spier made free Stapler the day & yeere
 sexto february 1637 } Robt Gibson made free Stapler & gave to the towne x^s
 Octavo feb^r 1637 } George Martyn was made free Stapler & gave to the towne iij^s
 William Cluggeston was made free Stapler & gave to the towne 30^s
- 5th Aprilis 1638 } John Hodges gen was made free Stapler
 John M'Cullogh the same day was made free Stapler & gave to the Towne x^s & is to give to the Church x^s :
- 24 May 1638 } Thomas Burton shoemaker was made free of this Corporacon
 28 Junii 1638 } James Russell was made free of this Corporacon
 [16 July] } Edmond O'Hartan carpenter was also made free
 16 August 1638 } Richard Vicary merchant was made free [of]
 12th Sept 1638 mort } John Lane Clothyer was made free
 mort } Robt Booth whelewright was alsoe made free
 20 Sept 1638 } Thomas Cuningham was made free and is to pay to the towne x^s
 The same yeere
 Henry Larkham weaver was made free
 James Carr Taylor was made free
- xxvi Sept 1638 } Henry Symkins chandler was made free & is to give x^s to the towne
 Tempore John Leithes generosi Superioris Burgi sive ville de Belfast communes et liberi homines Burgi sive ville predictae factum et admissum apud curiam Assemblicionis tunc ibidem decimo die Januarii Anno regni Domini Regis Caroli nunc Anglie & decimo quarto 1638
- Richard Carron of Belfaste in the Countye of Antrim Webster was admitted a free man & Commonn^r within the said Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libtyes and priviledges thereof and received the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and yeare aforesaid
 John OHadden of Belfast aforesaide shoemaker was admitted a free man & Commoner within the said Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libtyes and priviledges thereof and received the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and yeare aforesaide and did then promise to give five shillings for a gratuity to the use of the Towne

The sixth daye of June Anno dni 1639 Tho Godfrey Taylor was admitted a freeman & Comoner within the saide Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof and received the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and year aforesaid and did then promise to give five shillings to the use of the Towne for a gratuity

The eighteenth daye of Julye Anno dni 1639 Thomas Bayley Clothier was admitted a freeman and Comoner within the saide Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes and libties thereof and did take the oath of a free Comoner the daye and year aforesaid and did then promise to give five shillings for a gratuity to the use of the Towne

The eighteenth daye of July Anno dni 1639 John Cottier Clothier was admitted a freeman and Comon^r within the saide Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof and did take the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and year aforesaid and did then promise to give five shillings for a gratuity to the use of the Towne

The twelfth day of September Anno dni 1639 Thomas Rotke gentl was admitted a freeman & Comoner within the saide Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof and did take the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and year aforesaid and did then promise to give five shillings for a gratuity to the use of the Towne

The neenteenth daye of September Anno dni 1639 Robte Whiteside feltmaker was admitted a freeman & Comon^r within the saide Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof and did take the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and year aforesaid and did promise to give five shillings for a gratuitye to the use of the Towne

The said neenteenth day of September 1639 Thomas Gilpatrick merchant was admitted a freeman & Comon^r within the said Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof and did take the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and year aforesaid and did promise to give five shillings for a gratuity to the use of the Towne

The neenteenth daye of September Anno dni 1639 Willm Lythom glasier was admitted a free man & Comon^r within the saide Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof and did take the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and year aforesaid and did promise to give five shillings to the use of the Towne v^r

The neenteenth daye of September Anno dni 1639 Robte Spooner shoemaker was admitted a free man & Comon^r within the saide Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof and did take the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and year aforesaid and did promise to give for a gratuitye to the use of the Towne v^r

The xxvijth daye of September Anno dni 1639 John Lawe merchant was admitted a free man & Comon^r within the said Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties & priviledges thereof by and wth the full assent consent & agreem^t of the Sovereigne & Burgesses of the saide Towne and hath promised to give

The xxvijth daye of September Anno dni 1639 Richard Wall clerke of the Borrough & Towne Courte of Belfast was admitted a freeman & Comon^r within the saide Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof and did take the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and year aforesaid

The daye and yeare aforesaid John Goye Joyner was admitted a freeman & Comon^r of this Towne of Belfast and did take the oath of a free Comon^r the daye and yeare aforesaid and did promise to give five shillings for a gratuitye to the use of the Towne

The day and yeare aforesaid Edmund Barnes blacksmith was admitted a freeman & Comon^r of this Towne of Belfast and did then take the oath of a free Comon^r and did promise to give v^r for a gratuitye to the use of the Towne

The daye and yeare aforesaid Hughe Boothe Smyth was admitted a freeman & Comon^r of this Towne of Belfast and did then take the oath of a free Comon^r and did then promise to give v^r for a gratuitye to the use of the Towne

The daye and yeare aforesaid Matthew Westfield glasier was admitted a free man & Comon^r of this Towne and did take the oath of a free Comon^r and did promise to give v^r for a gratuitye to the use of the Towne

The xxvijth daye of Septembr Anno dni 1639 Willm Thom merchant was admitted a free man & Comon^r of This Towne and did take the oath of a free Comon^r and did promise to give v^r for a gratuitye to the use of the Towne

The xxvijth day of September Anno dni 1639 George Austen servante to Mr John Leithes Sovraigne was admitted a free man & [Comon^r] Stapler of this Towne and did take his oath the daye and yeare aforesaid

The daye and yeare aforesaid John Gausley Clothier was admitted a freeman & Comon^r of this Towne and did then take the oath of a free Comon^r and did promise to give v^r for a gratuitye to the use of the Towne

The xxvijth of September Anno dni ——— George Bradshawe merchant was admitted and made a free Stapler within Towne accordinge to the ancient lawes libties & priviledges thereof by and wth the full Assent consent and agreem^t of the Sovereigne and Burgesses of the saide Towne

The daye and yeare aforesaid John Barnes servant unto Mr Willm Leithes was admitted a freeman & Comon' of this Towne and did take the oath of a free Comon' the daye and yeare aforesaid

The daye and yeare aforesaid Nivens Vicar Shipp Carpenter was admitted a free man & Comon' and did then take his oath and did promise to give v^r for a gratiutye to the use of the Towne

The daye and yeare aforesaid Joseph Walker Shoemaker was admitted a free man and Comon' and did then take his oath and did then promise to give v^r for a gratiutye to the use of the Towne

The daye and yeare aforesaid Alexander McKesney husbandman was admitted a freeman and Comon' and did then take his oath and did promise to give v^r for a gratiutye to the use of the Towne

The daye and yeare aforesaid Thomas Charles butcher was a free man & Comon' and did then take his oath and did promise to give v^r for a gratiutye to the use of the Towne

The daye and yeare aforesaid Richard Christopherson butcher was admitted freeman and Comon' and did take the oath and did promise to give v^r for a gratiutye to the use of the Towne

The xxvijth daye of September Anno dni 1639 Willm Richey merchant Burgesse in Aire was admitted and made a free Stapler within the Towne according to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof by and wth the full assent consent and agreem^t of the Sovereigne and Burgeses thereof and did take his oath and then promise to give v^r to the use of the poore of this Towne

The daye and yeare aforesaid Hughe Leithes glover was admitted a free man & Comon' of this Towne and did take his oath according to the order and custom of this Towne

The xxixth daye of September Anno dni 1639 Henry Blackhurst merchant was admitted and made a free Stapler within this Towne and did take his oath according to the ancient lawes libties and priviledges thereof

The daye and yeare aforesaid John Leithes Eldest sonne of m^r Willm Leithes merchant was admitted & made a free Stapler within this Towne and did take his oath according to the ancient lawes libties & priviledges thereof

By Henry Squire Esq^r

30th January 1639

Burgis de Belfast Leonard Thompson of Belfast merchant was made a free Stapler, att mort an Assembly then held before the Sovereigne of the sd Burrough and Burgeses then keepinge Session, and tooke the Oath according to the Annynt Custom

31st Aprilis 1640

Att a genrall Assembly then held Sr William Wray Knite and Barronett was made a free Stapler of this (of this) Burrough wth a genrall consent.

Danyell mcNeale gent the day and yeare above said and at the Assembly aforesaid was made a free Stapler of the aforsd Burrough.

the 30th of July 1640

mort Upon the humble petition of Thomas Stevenson att a genrall Assembly then held with the genrall consent of the Sovraigne and Burgeses then Assembled The said Thomas Stevenson was made a free Stapler of the aforesaid Burrough for wth he gave Thirty three shillings & four pence to be employed for the good of the Towne.

Burgis de Belfast

30th July 1640

Upon the humble petition of John Stewart att genrall Assembly held for the Burrough aforesaid the day & yeare aforesaid The sd John Stewart was made a free Comoner of the aforesaid Burrough for wth he hath given the some of Twenty six shillings & eight pence for to be employed for the good of this Corporacon

Burgis de Belfast

17th Septembris 1640

Upon the humble petition of Edward Moore att an assembly then held for the Burrough aforesaid the day & yeare aforesaid was with a genrall consent of the Burgeses then Assembled made for a freeman of the aforesd Burrough for wth he gave 6s 8d sterl to be employed for the use of the sd Burrough

Burgis de Belfast

13th Augusti 1640

mort Att an Assembly then held for the aforesaid Burrough Sr Charles Coote Knight and Barronett Coronell of one of his Mat^r Regim^t was made a free Stapler of this Towne and Corporacon By and wth the genrall consent of the Sovereaine and Burgeses then assembled.

The day and yeare abovesaid Leiuetenant Corronell Theobald Taffe att the Assembly aforesaid and wth the genrall consent aforesaid was made a free Stapler of this Towne and Corporacon

The day and yeare aforesaid and wth the consent aforesaid Sr James Dillon Knt was made a free Stapler of this Towne and Corporacon

The day and yeare aforesaid and wth the consent aforesaid Sr John Jefford Leiuetennt Corronell of one of his Mat^{ty} Regymts was made a free Stapler of this Towne and Corporacon

mort The day and yeare aforesaid Capt George Peaseley was wth the genrall consent aforesaid made a free Stapler of this Towne and Corporacon

24th Septembris 1640

At an Assembly then held wth the consent of the Burgesses then Assembled Henry Billingsby gent was made a free [Stapler] *man* of the Towne and Burrough of Belfast

By John Haddock gent
6th Octobris 1640

Burgus de }
Belfast }

wth sd two sumes were to be leyved in a rate for fyre & Candell for the army then beinge here

15th Oct
8th febr
4th Juni

Robert Machett a free Comoner & *promised to give to the Towne x'*
Robt Bachelier the same day made a free Comoner and [gave] *promised likewise x'* for the good of the Towne

William Blake Cooke was made a free Comoner
Richard flioter was made a free Comoner
Phillipp Wenman Esqre was made free of the Corporacon being elected a Burges for the parliam^t in steed of Sr Wm Wrey Knt & Baronett

22th Junii
8th July 1641
15th July 1641

John Davies gent the same day was made a freeman [Henry Anderson was made free of this Corporacon]
James Haddock was [made] sworne a free Comoner
Edward Thunger was made a free Comoner
William Griffith the same day was sworn a free Comoner
[James Miller the same day was sworn a free Comoner and was to give to the use of the Towne 13s 4d]

29th July

Patrick Starling sworne a free Comoner & Thomas Theaker bound to discharge the Towne for 3 yeares
Thomas Fostley Junr sworne a free Comoner
Adam Leithes sworne a free Comoner
George Duncan sworne a free Comoner
mort Gilbert McGarragh sworne a free Comoner
John Tomson some of Alex^r Tomson free Comoner
James Clogh the same day [a] sworn a free Comoner

23th Sept 1641

William Downeman sworne a free Comoner
Edward Woods the same day sworne a free Comoner
William Wheaton the same day sworne a free Comoner

24th

Belfast Burrough

By Thomas Hanington gen Sr

7th octob

John Speed sworne a free Comoner & promised to give 2^d presently & x^d when he keepes a shopp [for]

The last of June 1642 John Browne merchant admitted & sworne a free Stapler wth in the Burrough & Towne of Belfast aforesaid and submitteth himselfe to the lawes orders & Customes of the same

Tempore Thome Stephenson Superioris Burgisive Ville de Belfast in Com Antrym 1642

The fourth daye of December 1642 John Mitchell gen was admitted and sworne a free Stapler wth in the Burrough & Towne of Belfast aforesaid

Md. that at the Courte holden the fourteenth daye of September 1643 John Stewart gen upon his petition to the Sovereigne & the Burgesses then present was admitted & sworne a free Stapler wth in the said Towne and hath promised to give xx^d for a gratuitee to the Towne

John Clugston merchant sworne and admitted as aforesaid to give xx^d
Thomas Wareinge Tanner sworne & admitted in like maner and to give xx^d
John Pentland merchant sworne & admitted in like maner a free Comoner and to give 9s 4d.

Thomas Waterson Shoemaker sworne and admitted a free Comoner as aforesaid and to give 9s 4d.

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Bernard Boskam brasier sworne and admitted a free Comoner as aforesaid and to give 9s 4d.

John Ash gen Robt flosser gen John Leythe gen Thomas Hanington gen Thomas Theaker gen Richard Gately gen and Willm Leythes gen free Burgesses of the said Towne was present at this Courte
Burgus de Belfast

In Tempore Thome Theaker gen Superioris Burgi prd. An^o Dni 1643

Men^{re} that upon the 13th day of October an assembly Courte being then held John McCracken was then admitted a free Comoner of the Corporacon for w^{ch} he gave 5s sterl for the use of the Corporacon

26^o Octobr An^o 1643

mort Mem that the day abovesaid att an assembly then held Nicholas Garnett was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon for w^{ch} he was to give 9s 4d ster for the use of this Corporacon

30 die December 1647 Nicholas Garner referd himself to the order of y^e Bench what hee shall give to the use of the Towne in consideration of his freedom
sterl The same day Edward Smith was made a free Comoner for w^{ch} he gave 9s 4d

The same day John Rigby was admitted a free Stapler and gave 9s 4d
30 die December 1647 Apud Cur John Rigby toke his oath that he hath paid unto Mr Theaker 6s 8d of the 9s 4d for the use of the Towne

2^o Novembr 1643

mort The day abovesaid att an assembly then held Marten Gose was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon and was to give 5s sterl for the use of the Corporacon

9^o Novembr An^o Supra Dict

The day and yeare abovesaid att an assembly then held William Sambrooke was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon and is to give 6s 8d sterl for the use of this Corporacon

The same day was Wm Davyes admitted a free Comoner and is to give 6s 8d for the use of the Corporacon

The day aforesaid Patrick Gough was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon and gave 6s 8d for the use of this Corporacon

John Ash gent Robert flosser Thomas Hanington gent and Richard Gately gent beinge then present and Assembled w^{ch} many other freemen

16^o die Novembris 1643

The day above said Thomas Barker was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon and is give vis viijd sterlinge for the use of this Corporacon

11^o die Januarii 1643

The day above said at an Assembly then held Tymothy Miller was admitted a free Stapler of this Corporacon and is to give vis viijd sterl for the use of the Corporacon

The same day Christopher Marshall was admitted a free Stapler of this Corporacon and is to give vis viijd ster for the use of the Corporacon

The day aforesaid

francis Robison of Belfast was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon for w^{ch} he is to give vis viijd sterl for the use of this Corporacon

25^o die Januarii 1643

The day aforesaid Wm Tomson was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon for the w^{ch} he is to give 5s sterl for the use of the Corporacon at an Assembly in presentia John Ash Thomas Stevenson Thomas Hanington

19th die [Januari] Marcij 1643

George Stevenson the day abovesd was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon for the w^{ch} he gave 4s 8d sterl for the use of this Corporacon

30 die December 1647 George Stephenson toke his oath that he hath paid the 4s 8d to Mr Theaker to the use of the Towne

9^o die Maij 1643

10th of febr 1658 Christopher Gillett & John Martin the day and yeare abovesd were admitted free Comoners of this Corporacon for the w^{ch} they are to give by Michmas next for the use of ye sd Corporacon one Ryall a peece which is in all 9s 4d
John Martin paid 4s 6d to Mr Will Leythes Sovrne

June the 26th 1644

John Wareing John Sanderson and John Mitchell the day and yeare above said were admitted free Comoners of this Corporacon for the wth they are to give by Michaelmas next for the use of the said Corporacon

Julij the 20th 1644

John Coupland the day above sd was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacione

Tempore Robti flosser gen Superior Burgi
sive Ville de Belfast Anno dni 1644

Edward Leythes sonne of Willm Leythes gen one of the Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a free merchant Stapler of this said Towne according to the Orders & Customes of the same Att an Assembly holden the 10th of Octobr 1644

John Thetford sonne of frane Thetford of Belfast aforesaid was admitted and sworne a free merchant Stapler of this said Towne according to the orders & customes of the same at an Assembly holden the 10th of Octobr 1644

Roger Leythes sonne of Adam Leythes late of Belfast aforesaid deceased was admitted and sworne a free merchant stapler of this said Towne according to the orders and customes of the same at an Assembly holden the 10th of Octobr Anno dni 1644

James Lyn-ay merchant upon his humble Petition unto the hee gave 7s to the use of the Towne Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a free merchant stapler of the said Towne according to the orders & customes of the same att an assembly holden the 14th of November 1644

Walter Caruth Chapman upon his humble petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a free Stapler of the said Towne according to the orders and Customes of the same and gave to the use of the Towne 4s 8d sterl at an Assembly holden the 14th of Novembr Anno dni 1644

John Miller the younger sonne of John Miller of Antrim upon his humble petition unto the Sovereigne & Burgesses of this Towne was admitted a free Stapler of this Towne according to the orders & customes of the same and gave to the use of this Towne iiij s viiid the 6th of March 1644

John m'Bryde merchant upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne & Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a free Stapler & Comoner of this Towne according to the orders & Customes of the same and gave to the use of the Towne 9s 4d the 6th of March

John Miller of Antrim the elder merchant upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a merchant Stapler & free Comoner of the said Towne and gave to the use of the Towne 9s 4d sterl the 24th of Aprill 1645

Nehemius Richardson Candlemaker upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne & Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a merchant Stapler and free Comoner of the said Towne according to the orders & Customes of the same and gave to the use of the Towne iiij s viiid the 15th of May 1645

Willm M'Kenna merchant upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a free merchant Stapler & free Comoner of the said Towne according to the Orders and Customes of the said Towne at an Assembly held the 3 of July 1645

Robte Clugston merchant upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a merchant Stapler and free Comoner of the said Towne according to the Orders and Customes of the same at an Assembly held the 3 of July 1645 and for his fine he submitted himself to the order of the Bench

John McDowell merchant upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Towne was admitted and sworne a merchant Stapler & free Comoner of the said Towne according to the order & custome of the same at an Assembly held the 3 of July 1645

George Thomson of Belfast Inkeeper upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of Belfast aforesaid was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne according to the order and custome of the same att an Assembly held the 3 of July 1645

Raufie Hughton of Belfast Taylor upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of Belfast aforesaid was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne according to the Order and Custom of the same att a Courte holden the 25th of September 1645

Tempore Willimi Leythes generosi Superior
Burgi Sive Ville de Belfast in Com Antrim
Anno dni 1645

James forbus of Belfast in the County of Antrim husbandman upon his humble Petition [upon his] unto the Sovereign and Burgesses was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne according to the Order and Custome of the said Towne and then toke the oath of a Serg^t of the said Towne at a Courte of Assembly holden the second day of October 1645

Thomas Garven of Aire merchant upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereign and Burgesses of Belfast was admitted and sworne a free Stapler of the said Towne of Belfast according to the ancient use and custome of the said Towne at a Court holden the 19th of March 1645
non sol feods

John Gillett of Belfast in the Countye of Antrim Tanner being sonne of a free man att his humble Petition unto the Sovereign and Burgesses of the said Towne was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne according to the ancient use and custome of the same at the Court of Assembly holden the 8th of Januar 1645

Edward Bell of Malone in the Countye of Antrim was admitted & sworne a free Comoner according to the ancient use and custome of the said Towne
non sol feods

James Martin of Belfast aforesaid Mealeman upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereign & Burgesses was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne according to the ancient use & custome of the same at the Courte of Assembly holden the 8th of Januar 1640

o John Marten Merchant att the saide Court of Assembly was likewise admitted & sworne a free Stapler of the said Towne according to the ancient use & custome of the same
non sol feods

John Doake husbandman was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the said Corporacon according to the ancient use and custome of the same at the Court of Assembly holden at Midsummer 1647
non sol feods

John Kenitry blacksmith att the same Court of Assembly was admitted a free Comoner of the saide Corporacon according to the ancient use and custome of the same

Gilberte Eccles Merchant was admitted a free Comon^r of the said Corporacon according to the ancient use and Custome of the same

Willm Cordiner Merchant was admitted & sworne a free Comon^r of the said Corporacon according to the ancient use and custome of the same

John Orr Merchant att the Court of Assembly holden the second day of Aprill 1646 was admitted & sworne a free Stapler of the said Corporacon according to the use & custome of the same and for his fine submitted himself to the order of the Bench

Willm Richey of Belfast aforesaid Merchant att the saide Court of Assembly was admitted & sworne a free Stapler of the said Corporacon according to the ancient use and custome and for his fine submitted himself to the order of the Bench

free Stاپlers and free Comon^rs of the Borroughs and Towne of Belfast in the Countye of Antrim admitted and sworne in the tyme of John Ash chei Sovereign Anno dni 1647

Alexander Sinkler Merchant admitted & sworne a free Comoner the 22th of Apprill 1647
non sol feods

Walter Mapus Glover admitted & sworne die & Anno Sup^a
non sol feods

Thomas Smyth blacksmith admitted & sworne a free Comon^r the 29th of Apprill 1647

John Harden blacksmith admitted & sworne die & Anno Sup^a

Thomas Quin Corrier admitted & sworne a free Comon^r the 12th of August 1647

John fowland Tanner admitted & sworne a free Comon^r the second of Septembr 1647

Willm Dawson of Dublin Merchant admitted & sworne a free Stapler of this Corporacon the 16th of Septembr 1647

Richard Aspinwall Merchant & Citizen of London admitted and sworne a free Stapler of this Corporacon die & Anno Sup^a
non sol feods

Thomas Haslipp Webster admitted & sworne a free Comon^r the 23th of Septembr 1647

Thomas Marshall shoemaker admitted & sworne die & Anno Sup^a

Henrye Wisdome Corrier admitted & sworne die & Anno Sup^a
non sol feods

Willm Sym Sadler admitted & sworne a free Comon^r 28th of Septembr 1647
non sol feods

Roger Tomlinson admitted & sworne a free Comon^r 28th of Septembr 1647

L^d Patrick Hepborne an Officer in Col. Maxwells Regmt admitted (sic) and sworne a free Comon^r of this Corporacon the 29th of Septembr 1647 before the Sovereign delivered upp his office

non sol feods

[Thomas Smyth blacksmith admitted and sworne a free comoner of the Borough & Towne of Belfast according to the ancient use & instance of the same] entered above

Tempore Hugonis Doake gen Superior Burgi
sive Ville de Belfast in Com Antrim 1647: 1648

Att an assembly holden by the Sovereigne and Burgesses the eight daye of November Anno dni 1647 John Steuarte Merchant was by the genall assent consent & agree'mt of the saide Sovereigne and Burgesses received again and admitted a free Stapler and free Comoner of the said Borough & Towne of Belfast aforesaid according to the ancient libties privileges and franchises of the said Towne

Thomas Gill after his disfranchis'mt in the tyme of Mr Aysh Sovereigne 1647 upon his submission & humble Petition unto Mr Doake Sovereigne & the Burgesses of this said Towne was againe readmitted & sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne according to the use & custome of the same

Non sol feods

James Stewart m^t upon his humble petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Corporacon was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne according to the use & custome thereof the 14th of October 1647

James Maxwell of Carrickfergus m^t upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne & Burgesses was admitted and sworne a free Stapler & free Comon^r of the said Towne and submitted himself unto the ancient orders & Bylawes of the said Towne

John Galte husbandman upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne & Burgesses of this said Corporacon was admitted & sworne a free Comon^r of the said Towne according to the according to the (anc) use & custome of the said Towne

Tempore Robti flosser Superior Burgi sive Ville
de Belfast in Com Antrim 1648 1649

francis Thetford sonne of francis Thetford deceased upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of the said Towne was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the saide Towne according to the ancient use and custome of the same the 30th of August 1649

Edward Dam Butcher upon his humble Petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Corporacon was admitted a free Comoner of the said Towne and was sworne according to the ancient use and custome of the same the 30th of August 1649

Donnell M'Cormicke Shoemaker upon his humble petition unto the Sovereigne and Burgesses of this Corporacon was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne according to the ancient use and custome of the same the 30th daye of August 1649

David Longe Butcher admitted & sworne a free Comoner of Belfast 30 August 1649

James Robinson admitted & sworne a free Comoner at the same

In the tyme of Mr Hanington Sovrane of the Borough & Towne of Belfast in the County of Antrim 1650 & 1651

The 15th November 1650 these persons hereunder named were admitted & sworne free Comoners of the Borough aforesaid according to the use and custome of the said Towne and according to the libties thereof

00 05 00	Thomas Gallopp Smyth pd	00 05 x 00	William Henderson Webster paid
00 05 00	James Reade Taylor pd	00 05 00	John Thomson Shoemaker
00 05 00	Mathew Tate brasier pd	00 05 00	George Agnew Mealeman
00 10 x 00	Thomas Carr Cooper	00 05 00	Thomas Lightfoot Taylor pd
00 05 x 00	George Williamson Butcher paid 5s	00 05 00	John Hudlston Taylor
00 05 x 00	Robte Jackson Glover x pd	00 05 00	John Watson Merchant

00 05 x 00 pd
Hugh Campbell Merchant admitted & sworne a free Comoner the second day of Januar 1650

The same day Alexander Taylor admitted and sworne a free Comoner

Henry Morrey Webster admitted & sworne a free Comoner the 10th of Januar 1650

00 05 00
James Campbell Merchant admitted & sworne a free Comoner the 30th of October 1651

00 05 pd
The same daye Charles Whitlock admitted & sworne a free Comoner

00 05
Alexander Reade Merchant admitted & sworne a free Comoner the 29th of Januar 1651

00 x 00 00
The same daye George M'Cartney merchant admitted & sworne a free Comoner

The 24th of June 1652 Mr Thomas Wareing was elected & chosen to bee one of the Burgesses of the saide Towne and then sworne

The last of June 1652 these persons hereunder named were admitted & sworne free Comoners of the said Towne

00 05 00 Edward Renalls gen

00 10 00 Mr Robte Brice Clerk. paid by him this 12th of June 1662 y^e sume of tenn shills

00 05 00 Samuell Harris gen

In the tyme of Mr Thomas Wareing Sovrane of the Borrough & Towne of Belfast in the Countie of Antrim 1653 and 1654

01 00 00 pd

The 25th of March 1653 Adam Carnes admitted and sworne a free Comon^r and of the staple merchant

00 10 00

John Rodgers Merchant the 16th of September 1653 admitted a free Comon^r and of the staple merchant and sworne. This 19th of June 1662 Jo. Rogers tooke his oath that he paid y^e above some of 10s to Mr Theaker for ye Townes use

The same daye Peeter Potts admitted & sworne a free Comon^r and sworne one of the Sergeants of the said Towne

00 10 00

Alexander Thomson Cooper admitted & sworne a free Comon^r the thertinth of Januar 1652 paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 10s by Alex Thomson Cooper

The 29th of June 1654 These persons hereunder named were admitted & sworne free Comon^rs of the Borrough aforesaid according to the use and custome of the said Towne and according to the libties thereof

00 06 00

Arthur Houghton butcher

00 05 00

John m^r Gowan shoemaker. paid to M^r Willm Leythes Sovraign 1658 by John m^r Gowan

00 05 00

John Keniye Boatman

00 05 00

Mathew farrar clerk of the parish

00 05 00

Willm Burk Mealeman

Thomas Dawson Joyner

The first of July 1654 these persons hereunder written were admitted & sworne free Comoners as aforesaid

00 00 00

John Corry m^r free of the staple

00 10 00

Josias Marten m^r free of the Staple

00 10 00

Michaell Biggart m^r free of the Staple merchant

00 10 00

John Biggart m^r free of the Staple merchant

paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 10s by Jo & Michaell Biggart

00 05 00

Henry Thetford Joyner

00 05 00

Hugh Golfin Carpenter paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 5s by Henry Thetford

In the tyme of Mr Thomas Theaker Sovrane of the Borrough & Towne of Belfast in the Countie of Antrim 1654

00 00 00 pd

Archibald Roane admitted & sworne a free Comoner the 28th of Januar 1654

The same daye George firissell mealeman admitted and sworne a free Comoner

The 24th of May 1655 John Bratwhat admitted and sworne a free Comoner and free from paying anie fine

The same daye Joh Wheats sworne one of the Sergeants of the Borrough of Belfast

The 17th of September 1655 Mr Edward Denman Merchant admitted and sworne a free Comoner and of the Staple Merchant his fine or gratuiyte for the use of the Towne is referred to his own discretion

The 27th of Septembr 1655 Lewes Thomson Sadler sonne of Leonard Thomson deceased was admitted & swore a free Comoner but his fine was remitted hee serving his apprenticeship wth in the Towne and being the sonne of a free Com^r

Richard Saltus butcher the 27th of Septembr 1655 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner his fine remitted for his manie services don unto the Towne

00 05 00-00 07 00
John Brookes Slater the 27th of Septembr 1655 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner his fine to bee adjudged by the Sovrane & Burgesses
Tempore Johis Leythes gen qui incipit officium Superior Burgi sive Ville de Belfast 29th September 1655

00 04 06 pd
Walter Poston glover the 4th of October 1655 admitted and sworne a free Comoner

01 00 00
The 11th of October 1655 John Bush Merchant admitted a free Comoner

The fees not paid 00 03 00
The 11th of October 1655 Robte Kitts a Trooper admitted a free Comoner

00 05 00 pd
The 11th of October 1655 John fiorguson Owner of the Sara of Belfast admitted a free Com' and then sworne

pd viiis
The 28th of febr 1655 Chr Monncaster Bricklayer admitted & sworne a free Comoner

00 04 06
The 28th. of febr 1655 Daniell Christian Tanner late servant unto Mr Tho Wareinge was admitted a free Comoner of the Borough of Belfast &c
Jo Leithes Sovraigne 02 00 00-01 19 00

Md. That the ninth of June 1656 Hugh Eccles Merchant at his instant & request by his petition according to the custome of the Borough by the consent of us the Sovrane & Burgesses now present whose names are hereunder subscribed and by the consent of Mr Willm Leythes & Mr Thomas Wareinge of the number of the saide Burgesses though now absent was admitted a free merchant stapler of the saide Burrough and was sworne accordingly and is to pay for the good of the Corporacon the sum of xli^s merik

John Aysb Tho Theaker Richard x Gately mrk
Edward Evans Taylor the 15th of May 1656 admitted & sworne a free Comoner
The third of July 1656 Thomas finer barber Chierurgeon was admitted and sworne a free Comoner

01 00 00 pd
Willm Moore Merchant the 7th of July 1656 was admitted a free Comoner & Merchant of the Staple wⁱⁿ this Towne according to the ancient libties & priviledges of the saide Towne and was sworne accordingly

00 10 00
John Norvell of Glasgowe Merchant the 7th of July 1656 was admitted a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple wⁱⁿ this Towne according to the ancient libties and priviledges of the saide Towne and was sworne accordingly

00 02 06 pd to Mr Willm Leythes Sovraigne 1656 2s 6d Jo Johnston
John Johnston of Belfast aforesaid husbandman the 7th of July 1656 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the said Towne

00 02 06 pd
Gilberte Wentwith Chapman was admitted and sworne a free Comoner the 14th of August 1656

00 02 06
Thomas finer barber Chierurgeon was admitted & sworne a free Comoner the 17th of July 1656

01 00 00
02 17 06
Edward Stanton free Grocer of the Citie of the Citie (sic) of London the 29th of September 1656 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple within the Towne according to the ancient Libties & priviledges thereof
fees not paid

John Leythes sonne of John Leythes Senior one of the Burgesses of this Towne was admitted & sworne a free Comoner the 29th of Septembr 1656
Tempore Tho Wareinge gen Superior in Anno 1656 1657 02 00 00

George McCartney surnamed Niger merchant the 13th of No: 1656 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner & Merchant of the Staple within this Towne according to the ancient libties and priviledges thereof &c and by his owne free consent hee engaged himself to give to the use of the Towne xx^s in hand & twentie shillings when hee is better able

02 00 00
Willm Smyth merchant the 13th daye of No: 1656 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple wⁱⁿ this Towne according to the ancient libties & priviledges thereof and by his owne free consent engaged himself to give to the use of the Towne xli^s sterl uppon demand

01 00 00
[Willm] Henrye Litherland Shoemaker the 20th of November 1656 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon and by his owne free consent engaged himself to give for the benefit of the Towne xx^s uppon demand

02 10 00—07 10 00
Willm Taylor Merchant the 20th of Novemb^r 1656 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple w^hin this Towne according to the ancient libties & privileges thereof and by his owne free consent ingaged himselfe to give to the use of the Towne fiftie shillings sterl upon demand

fees not paid

John Pegg the 24th of June 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough of Belfast aforesaid
(fees not paid)

Robte Leythes sonne of Willm Leythes one of the Burgesses of Belfast the 24th of June 1657 was admitted a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid

01 00 Stephen Clerke Butcher the 17th of September 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough of Belfast & has agreed to pay to the use of the Towne for his fine xx^s sterl

paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 3s by Robt Skinner glover 00 10 00

Robte Skinner glover the 17th of September 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough of Belfast and was agreed to pay to the use of the Towne for his fine x^s sterl

paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 10s by David Dowey Cooper 00 10 00

David Dowey Cooper the 28th of September 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough of Belfast and was agreed to pay to the use of the Towne for his fine the sum of x^s sterl

00 10 00 paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 10s by John Lenox

John Lenox Cooper the 28th of September 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough of Belfast and was agreed to pay to the use of the Towne for his fine x^s sterl

00 10 00 paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 5s by David Thomson taylor

Tempore Willm Leythes } David Thomson Taylor sonne of David Thomson of
gen Superior in Anno } Belfast aforesaid deceased the fit of No: 1657 was admitted
1657 & 1658 } & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid and for
his fine submitted himself to the order of the Court

00 10 00

francis Bramston sonne of Thomas Bramston late a Burgess of Belfast deceased the fit of No: 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the said Borough & for his fine submitth himself to the order of the Court

paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 1s by Ja Doogan 00 10 00

James Doogan Cooper the fit of No: 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid the fit of No: 1657 and for his fine submitted himself to the order of the Court

00 05 00—04 03 00

Rowland Eyllife shoemaker the fit of No: 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough and for his fine submitth himself to the order of the Courte

00 10 00 paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 10s by John McCartney Webster

John McCartney Webster the fit of No: 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid & for his fine submitth himself to the order of the Court

00 05 00 paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 5s by Edm Bayley

Edmund Bayley (Bayley) Butcher the fit of No: 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid and for his fine submitth himself to the order of the Court

00 05 00 paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 3s by Jo Whitlock

John Whitlock the younger butcher was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid the 26th of No 1657 and for his fine submitth himself to the order of the Court

paid to Mr Willm Leythes Sovrane 1658 3s by Tho Willlocks 00 05 00—01 05 06

Thomas Willlocks shoemaker the second of December 1657 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid and was agreed to pay to the use of the Towne for his fine 5s sterl upon demand

John Williamson the 29th of July 1658 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid and for his fine submitth himself to the order of the Court

00 02 06

Willm Roger the 29th of July 1658 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid and for his fine submitth himself to the order of the Court

00 x 06 x 08 red 1s

Thomas Hardman the first of July 1658 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Borough aforesaid and was agreed to pay [for] to the use of the Towne for his fine 5s sterl upon demande

Robte Nexin merchant upon his Petition the 4th of No 1658 was admitted a free merchant stapler and tooke his oath according to the use & custome of the said Towne

James Kinge merchant [James Kinge] upon his petition the 4th of No: 1658 was admitted a free merchant Stapler and tooke his oath according to the use & custome of the said Towne

John Sleminge Slater upon his Petition the tenth of februar 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid and was to give to the use of the Towne three shillings sterl wⁱⁿ the month of May next.

Edward Stewart laborer upon his Petition the tenth of febr^r 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid and is to give to the use of the Towne for his admittance three shill sterl wⁱⁿ the month of May next

Francis Fleming laborer upon his petition the tenth of februar 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid and is to paye to the use of the Towne for his admittance three shill sterl wⁱⁿ the month of May next

Robte McKee laborer upon his petition the tenth of februar 1658 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid and is to pay to the use of the Towne for his admittance 3s sterl wⁱⁿ the month of May next

John Griffith laborer upon his Petition the 10th of febr^r 1658 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid and is to give to the use of the Towne for his admittance three shill sterl wⁱⁿ the month of May next

John Grahams laborer upon his petition the tenth of februar 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid and is to give to the use of the Towne for his admittance three shill sterl wⁱⁿ the month of May next

George Leister laborer upon his petition the tenth of febr 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid and is to give to the use of y^e Towne for his admittance three shill sterl wⁱⁿ the month of May next

Alexander McHoole merchant the twelveth of februar 1658 upon his petition was admitted & sworne a free Comoner and merchant of the Staple wⁱⁿ the Corporacon aforesaid

Willm Anderson Merchant upon his Petition the twelveth of februar 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and of the Staple within the Corporacon aforesaid

Alexander Thomson Merchant upon his Petition the twelveth febr 1658 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner and of the staple wⁱⁿ the Corporacon aforesaid this 24th of Novr 1662 claimed by oath that he paid 10s to Mr Wm Leathes & 3s 4d str in money to Mr M^cCartney Sav^r

Alexander McCartney Taylor upon his humble Petition the twelveth of februar 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid

John Loughhead labourer upon his humble Petition the twelveth of februar 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid

Archibald Moore laborer upon his humble Petition the twelveth of februar 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid

John Sorbye laborer upon his humble Petition the seventh of March 1658 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid

Thomas Sorbye laborer upon his humble Petition the seventh of March was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid

George Neigus husbandman upon his humble Petition the tenth daye of March 1658 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid

Ralph Carr shoemaker upon his humble Petition the thirteenth day of [March] October 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Corporacon aforesaid

Thomas Banckes yeoman the 3d day of Novembr 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of y^e Corporation & y^e same day swore likewise in y^e office of A Sargent to y^e said Corporation

Thomas Hadskinson upon his humble petition the tenth day of November 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and merchant of y^e Staple within this Towne according to y^e ancient libertyes and preveliges thereof

John Barton upon his humble petition the 10th of Novr 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Marchant of y^e Staple within this Towne according to y^e Ancient libertyes and prevelidges thereof

John Bayles blacke smith upon his humble petition the 11th of November 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner [and] of y^e towne & Corporacon aforesaid

25 6d
francis Cockes Tayler upon his humble petition y^e 11th of Novr 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Towne & Corporacon aforesaid

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John Crosby blacksmith upon his humble petition of y^e 14th of November 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Towne and Corporacon

o 5s o pd
Henry Murdock cooper upon his humble petition of y^e 16th November 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Towne & Corporacon aforesaid

o 10 o pd
James Sparkes marct upon his humble petition of 7th of December 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Marchant Stapler within this Towne according to y^e Ancient liberties and priviledges thereof

o 10 o
Henry Tickell marct upon his humble petition of 7th of December 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of and Marchant of the Staple within this Towne according to y^e Ancient liberties and priviledges thereof
1659

oo 05 oo pd
Richard Westbrooke marct upon his humble petition the 7th of December 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Marchant of y^e Staple within this Towne according to y^e Ancient liberties and priviledges thereof

oo 10 oo pd
Tho Owens marct upon his humble Petition the 7th of Decembr 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Marchant of y^e Staple within this Towne according to y^e Ancient liberties and priviledges thereof

oo 10 oo pd
Robert Smith marc upon his humble Petition the 8th of Decembr 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and March of the Staple within this Towne according to y^e ancient liberties and priviledges thereof

oo 10 oo
James Holmes marc & Seafaring man upon his humble Petition y^e 15th of Decembr 1659 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and March of y^e Staple within this Towne according to y^e Ancient liberties and priviledges thereof
1660

mo 1 pd
Mathew Davis gent upon his humble petition y 16th of April 1660 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and March of the Staple within this Towne according to y^e Ancient liberties and priviledges thereof

oo 02 oo pd
John McWhirke Shoomaker upon his humble Petition y 17th of April 1660 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon aforesaid

o1 oo oo pd 12s
William Warren marc upon his humble petition y^e 17th of Apr 1660 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and March of y^e Staple within this Towne according to y^e Ancient liberties and priviledges thereof

Cap^t Meeke Sofferaigne after y^e intermt of William Leathes was sworne & recd
y^e rod

Mr Tho Wallcott this 25th of June 1660 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Marchant of the Staple within this Towne according to y^e Priviledge thereof

fine to y^e Towns use is oo 05 oo recd 02 06
John McCauley this 27th June 1660 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner within this Towne according to y^e Prevelidge thereof

fine oo 05 oo
John Nichollson butcher ye 11th October 1660 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner within y^e said Towne according to y^e prevelidges thereof

no fine because served apprentice in y^e towne
the same day Ralph Pitt Butcher was sworne freeman

no fine
the same day Robert Hunter Taylor was admitted and sworne a frée

oo 05 oo pd
William Persie Shoomaker was admitted y^e same day and sworne a frée

oo 05 oo pd
William George Bricklayer y^e same day was sworne a freeman

oo 05 oo pd
Ralph Jaques Carpenter the same day was sworne a freeman

oo 05 oo pd
George McCartney Millwright y^e 12th day of October was admitted and sworne

a free Comoner within this Towne according to y^e prevelidge thereof

oo 05 oo pd
James Cuningham glover y^e same day was sworne a freeman

oo 05 oo pd
John Deane labourer y^e same day was sworne a freeman

00 05 00 John Dunlop Maltman y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 Andrew Rea Shoemaker y^e 18th day of Oct^r 1660 was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 Daniell Carrett Weaver y^e 25th of Oct^r was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 Henry Seaton weaver y^e 12th of Novemb^r was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 James Allen Glaser y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 Henry Wharton Shoemaker y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 John M^cClelland Shoemaker y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 James Roch (Shoemaker) Butcher y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 fines to y^e Towne 00 05 00 Thomas farmer Taylor y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 01 00 00 pd to 00 William Spittle marchant y^e same day was sworne a free Comoner and Marchant
 of ye Staple
 00 03 04 pd Thomas Becke Baker y^e 13th of November was sworne a freeman
 mort 00 10 00 pd abated 55 William Bunnis y^e 18th December 1660 was sworne a free Comoner & marcht
 of the staple
 00 20 00 pd [William] John Erwin marcht y^e same day was sworne a free Comoner & marcht
 of the staple
 free William Lesley gentleman y^e 19th of January 1660 was sworne Comoner &
 Marchant of ye staple
 free Gilbert Wye gentl y^e of was sworne a free Comoner & Marchant of y^e
 staple
 free Capt Samuell Blewelt y^e of was sworne a free and Marcht of y^e Staple
 free pd Andrew McCullogh Gold smith y^e of was sworne a freeman
 free pd James Anderson Stationer y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 mort 00 05 00 pd John Stewart Carpenter y^e 7th of March was sworne a freeman
 1661 free Coll William Knight Barrester y^e 30th 1661 was sworne a free Comoner and
 Marcht of ye Staple
 00 20 00 Alexander M^cKenney Marcht y^e 10th of Aprill was sworne a free Comoner and
 Marcht of y^e Staple
 served his apprent in this Towne Thomas Stewart Marcht y^e same day was sworne a free Comoner & Marcht of y^e
 Staple
 served his apprent in this Towne John Clughston Junior y^e same day was sworne a free Comoner and Marcht
 of y^e Staple
 served prentis in this Towne James Chalmers Marcht y^e same day was sworne a free Comoner and Marcht of
 the Staple y^e 10th of Aprill
 served prentis in this Towne George Martin y^e Younger y^e same day was sworne a free Comoner and Marcht
 of the Staple
 mort served prentis in this Towne George Stewart Marcht y^e same day was sworne a free Comoner and Marcht of
 the Staple
 Served prentis in this Towne John White Marcht y^e same day was sworne a free Comoner and Marcht of y^e
 Staple
 00 03 06 pd William Rochester yeoman y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 00 05 06 pd John Tavernor yeoman y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 pd Patrick Corry yeoman y^e same day was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 pd William M^cClelland Weaver y^e same day was sworne a freeman

00 05 00 pd
 James m'Hoolle Porter y' same day was sworne a freeman
 01 00 00 [John Porter Labr]
 John Donnellson Esqr y' 12th of Aprill was sworne a free Comoner and Marchant
 of y' Staple
 01 00 00
 Hercules Davis gent y' same day was sworne a free Comoner and March of y'
 Staple
 01 00 00
 Henry Davis gent y' same day was sworne a free Comoner and March of y'
 Staple
 00 05 00
 Theophilis Taylor marc' y' same day was sworne a free Comoner & Marcht of
 y' Staple
 00 05 00
 Roger Gravitt marc' y' same day was sworne a free Comoner and Marcht of y'
 Staple
 00 10 00
 Hugh m'Manus y' same day was sworne a free Comoner & Marcht of y' Staple
 fines to y' Towne 00 05 00
 John Morrison Fewterer y' same day was sworne a freeman
 served his prentis^{sh} in this Towne
 Marcus Garnett Chanler y' same day was sworne a freeman
 served his prentis^{sh} in this Towne
 Isaack Christian Butcher y' 10th of May was sworne a freeman
 00 02 06
 Lawrance Crosley y' 21st of May was sworne a freeman
 served his prentis^{sh} in this Towne
 William Williamson Butcher y' same day was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 pd
 Michael Reime y' same day was sworne a free Comoner and Marcht of y' Staple
 00 05 00 pd
 Hugh Richardson Slater y' 18th of June was sworne a freeman
 00 10 00 pd
 William Orr Apothecary y' 19th of June was sworne a free Comoner of this Towne
 00 05 00 pd
 Robert Martin marc' y' 20th of June was sworne a free Comoner and Marcht of
 y' Staple
 served his prentis^{sh} in this Towne
 Paule Read marc' y' same day was sworne a free Comoner & Marchant of y'
 Staple
 00 02 06 pd
 James Biggar marc' y' same day was sworne a free Comoner & Marcht of y' Staple
 pd to Mr le Sovere 00 10 00
 William Erwin marc' y' same day was sworne a free Comoner & Marcht of y'
 Staple
 Served his prentice in Towne
 Henry Hoolle Tanner y' 21th of June was sworne a freeman
 00 10 00 pd
 Turlough m'Gee yeoman y' same day was sworn a freeman
 Served his prentis^{sh} in Towne
 John Drenon feltmaker y' 29th of August was sworn a freeman
 00 02 06
 Thomas Rouse Shoemaker y' same day was sworne a freeman
 John Rigby Sofferaine 1661
 fines to y' Towne 00 05 00
 John finch blacksmith y' 10th of October 1661 was sworne a freeman
 00 05 00 pd
 Robert Paver Bricklayer y' same day was sworne a freeman
 00 02 06 pd
 John Horner Butcher y' same day was sworne a freeman
 mort Served his prentis^{sh} in this Towne
 John Porter Butcher y' of Novemb' was sworne a freeman
 00 02 06 pd
 Thomas Walton shoemaker y' 23rd of January was sworne a freeman
 00 02 06 pd
 Edward Williamson Porter y' 13th of february was sworne a freeman
 00 02 06
 Andrew M'Hoolle Porter y' same day was sworne a freeman
 00 02 06 pd
 James Miller Porter y' same day was sworne a freeman
 00 10 00
 Edward Ellis Apothecary the 24th day of June 1662 was admitted and sworne a
 free Comoner of y' Borrough aforesaid according to y' privileges thereof

fine paid Edward Roch y^e same day was admitted and sworne a freeman and his fine to y^e
 Towne forgiven him
 00 02 06 pd
 William Van Hovan Gardiner y^e 10th of July 1662 was admitted & sworne a free
 Comoner of this borrough
 00 10 00 pd
 Peetter Jones Marchant y^e 12th of July 1662 was admitted and sworne a free
 Stapler of y^e Borrough aforesaid
 00 10 00
 Richard Bodkin gent y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Stapler of y^e
 Borrough aforesaid
 served his prentise in this Towne
 Hugh Breeley Butcher y^e 17th of September 1662 was admitted and sworne a free
 Stapler of the Borrough aforesaid
 00 03 00 pd 00 02 06
 Thomas Gibson Glasier y^e 20th of September 1662 was admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner of the Borrough aforesaid
 Towne fine 00 02 06 pd
 William Mickell Shoemaker was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this
 Corporacon this 25th of Sept 1662
 Served his Apprentis in this Towne
 Robert Thomson Taylor y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of
 this Corporacon
 00 02 06 pd
 Petter Taylor Porter was admitted y^e same day and sworne a free Comoner
 00 02 06 pd
 John Reynells Taylor y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 mort 00 02 06 pd
 the same day Thomas Langsdall Porter was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 02 06 pd
 James Christian Taylor y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 02 06 pd
 Nicholas Taylor y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 02 06 pd
 Edward Marshall Taylor this 26th of Sept 1662 was admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner
 mort 00 02 06 pd
 Edward Locher Lab^r y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 04 06
 Rowland Sharper was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Marchant Stapler
 according to y^e Ancient custome and previllidge of y^e said Towne this 27th of Sept 1662
 00 04 06 pd
 Peirce Welsh shoemaker y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of
 y^e said Towne and a Marchant Stapler thereof according to the Ancient previllidge thereof
 Served his Apprentis in this Towne
 John Manken Tanner y^e same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of the
 sd Towne
 00 02 06 pd
 John Williamson Lab^r was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the said
 00 02 06 pd
 James Hall Scoolemaster was admitted and sworne y^e same day a free Comoner
 00 02 06
 William Cowan Carpenter y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 of y^e Borrough aforesaid
 00 10 00 pd
 Willfred Bristow of Carile marcht this 29th of Sept was admitted and sworne
 a free Comoner [of this] and marchant of y^e Staple according to the liberties and
 previllidges thereof
 00 03 00 pd 02 06
 Simon Thetford y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and
 March of the Staple according to the liberties and previllidges thereof
 00 03 00 pd
 John Christian y^e same day was admitted a free Comoner
 he served his Apprentis in y^e Towne
 Robert Quin Currier y^e same day was admitted a free Comoner
 00 02 06 pd
 John Shanks Gardiner y^e same day was admitted a free Comoner
 [George Cambell marcht this 13th of January 1662 was admitted and sworn a free
 comoner and marcht of the staple according to y^e]
 George M^cCartney Sovereigne
 mort 00 10 00 paid
 John Creighton marchant this 24th day of November 1662 was admitted and sworne
 a free Comoner and march of the Staple of this Borrough according to y^e Ancient

Customs and Liberties thereof & hath paid 10s str to y^e use of Towne and tenn shill more he is to pay when he shall become an Inhabitant of of (*sic*) y^e said Towne
 01 00 00 paid

George Cambell marc' this 13th day of January 1662 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner & marc' of the Staple of this Burrough according to y^e Ancient Customs and liberties thereof—hath paid twenty shills to y^e use of y^e Towne
 he served his apprenticeship in Belfast

Robert Walside march' upon y^e humble desire of Hugh Eccles March' the 21th of January 1662 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and march' of the Staple of this Burrough according to y^e Ancient privileges thereof
 he served his Apprentis

Tho Roads Butcher upon his petition y^e 21th May 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of y^e Burrough
 00 10 00 paid

George McKnight Chandler upon his petition y^e 21th May 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 02 00 pd

George Snowdon made a freeman
 this 12th of September 1663

Arthur Ward gent Clarke of y^e Crowne for y^e North East Circuit of Ulster was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Marchant of y^e Staple of this Burrough according to y^e Ancient Priviledges

John Dawson gent was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Marchant Staple of this Burrough according to y^e Ancient priviledges
 00 10 00 pd

John Agnew Cooper this 1st of October 1663 upon his humble petition was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Burrough &c
 00 10 00 pd

John Poole Porter the 1st of October 1663 upon his petition was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of y^e Burrough
 he served his apprenticeship in Belfast

David McCullough glover and skiner late apprentice to Robert Skiner was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Burrough this 6th of November 1663
 he served his apprenticeship in Belfast

Thomas Whitley Tanner late apprentice to M^r Thomas Warring was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Burrough this 11th of November 1663
 fine 00 13 04 paid

James Read of Enniskillin march' the 21st of November 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and march' of y^e Staple of this Burrough according to y^e Ancient liberties thereof
 fine 00 12 00 paid

William Bickerstafe of Wire Watter Mariner y^e 26th Nov^r 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon

Mort 00 10 00 not paid Sargent Potts deceased y^e 3d decr 1663;
 Alexand^r Porter shoemaker y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 00 10 00 paid

William Gibbs Taylor this 16th Dec^r 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 fine 00 07 00 paid

L^r Thomas Cranston this 17th of Dec^r 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 00 10 00 paid

Robert Dowglas Brickmaker this 17th of Dec^r 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 00 05 00 paid

Robert Beck Weavour this 7th January 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon according to y^e custome thereof
 00 10 00 paid

Daniell Leech Weaver y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 paid

Daniell frissell shoemaker y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 05 00 paid

Michaell Patridge blacksmith this 7th of January 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 00 10 00 paid

Thomas Bell blacksmith y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 01 00 00 pd Mr McCartney

Thomas Pottinger March' this 23rd of January 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and March' of the Staple of this Corporacon
 00 05 00 pd Mr McCartney

John Ellison Shipcarpenter y^e same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner

- 00 10 00 forgiven
William Oakes Butcher y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- 00 10 00 pd Mr Reynell
Gabriell Holmes Mariner y^r 2^d of March 1663 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon
- 00 10 00 paid
James Taylor Mariner y^r same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
- 00 10 00 paid
Gabriell Holmes y^r younger y^r same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
- 00 10 00 pd
James Hays Marriner this 1st of Sept^r 1664 was admitted a free Comoner & sworne of this Corporacon
- 00 05 20 pd Mr Reynell
James M'Caddam Mariner This 15th of Sept^r 1664 upon his humble Peticion was admitted [free] & sworne a free Comoner
- he served his pentisip in this Towne
Ric Bourne Butcher y^r same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
- he served his pentisip in Belfast
George Skerris blacksmith y^r 15th Sept^r 1664 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- Henry Dickison Carpenter y^r same day was admitted a free Comoner
- he made two scales for Leather to y^r use of y^r Towne
David Scott blacksmith y^r same day was admitted a free Comoner
- 00 05 00 pd
William Chrigton Taylor y^r same day was admitted a free Comoner
- 00 05 20 pd
John Corbett Cooper y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- he served his apprentisip in Towne
David Agnew march^r y^r 20th day of Sep^r 1664 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Marchant Stapler of this Borrough
- 00 10 00 pd
Hugh White march^r y^r same day was sworne a free Comoner and march^r Stapler of this Corporacon
- 00 05 00 pd
John Hunter Carpenter y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- 00 05 00 pd
Rob^t Taylor Mariner y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- 00 10 00 pd
Alexand^r Arthur Tanner y^r 22nd day of Sep^r was admitted and sworne a free Comoner & March^r stapler of this Corporacon
- he served his pentisip
Vallintine Herone Butcher y^r same day was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
- he served his pentisip
George Kennedy weaver y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- 00 05 00 pd
Robert M'Creery Mariner y^r same day was sworne & admitted a free Comoner
- 00 04 20 pd
John Worthington yeoman y^r same day was sworne a free Comoner
- 00 10 00 pd
Hugh Biggar Tanner y^r 23^d Sep^r 1664 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
- 00 04 00 pd
Andrew Blomfield Saylor y^r 29th of Sep^r 1664 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
- 00 05 00 forgiven
Joseph Storry Labourer y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- 00 02 06 forgiven
John Willson feltmaker y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- 00 05 00
Robert Murrow Labourer y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- 00 05 00 pd Mr Reynell
Abraham Ponsombey Joyner y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- he served his apprentisip in this Towne
William Martin Tanner y^r sonn of George Martin Burgesse y^r same day was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
- Tho Warring Esqr Sovereigne 1664
- 00 05 00 pd to Mr Warring
George Willis Butcher y^r 13th day of October 1664 was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon
- 00 15 00 pd to Mr Warring
Richard Hull of Wire Watter Mariner was admitted and sworne a free Comoner y^r same day
- 01 00 00 pd to Mr Warring
Arthur Smith of Wire Watter Mariner was admitted & sworne a free Comoner & Marchant Stapler

March 01 10 00 pd to Mr Waring
 Richard Burrell Merchant this 10th of Janry 1664 was admitted and sworne A free
 [stapler] Comoner and Merc^y of y^e Staple of this Burrough according to y^e antient
 Custome and Liberties Thereof

sworne Gratus
 Samuell Downes of Belfast gent [merch^y] was admitted and sworne A free Comoner
 and Merc^y Stapler this 10th of Janry 1664

01 00 00 pd to Mr Waring
 Mathew [Walter] Rowan of Green Nock in y^e Kingdome of Scotland Merchant
 this 22th of february 1664 was admitted and sworne a free Com^r and Merchant of the
 Staple of the sayd Burrough

01 00 00 to pay 3 more
 Ralph Sanderson of Scarborough in the Kingdome of England Mariner was admitted
 and sworne free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Burrough of Belfast the 31st
 day of May 1665

5s paid in hand 5s to be pd when able pd Mr Reynell
 Andrew Knowes of Belfast Cordwainer was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 of the Burrough of Belfast the 31st of May 1665

1l 10s ood for y^e use of y^e Towne
 Richard Fuge of Vestmoreland in the Kingdome of England Merchant was
 admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Burrough of
 Belfast the 14th day of June in the year 1665 according to the custome of the sayd
 Burrough

promised to pay 10s to the Towne w^{thin} 3 months pd Mr Reynell
 Robert Spay of Belfast in the Kingdome of Ireland Cooper was admitted and
 sworne a free Comoner of the sayd Burrough of Belfast the 10th day of August 1665
 according to y^e custome of y^e said Burrough

promised to pay 10s to the Towne w^{thin} 3 months pd Mr Reynell
 John Killpatrick of Belfast Merc^y was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and
 Merc^y of the Staple of the Burrough aforesayd the 20th day of August 1665 according
 to the custome of the Burrough

0 05 00 pd Sovereigne
 John Speare of Belfast Shoemaker was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of
 y^e Burrough aforesayd the 12th of October 1665

pd 5s to Mr Sovereigne
 John King of Belfast Carpenter was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the
 sayd Burrough the 12th of October 1665

pd 5s to Mr Sovereigne
 Symon Willson Labourer was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this
 Corporacon the 2nd of November 1665

00 10 00 to the Towne pd Mr Waring
 William Bagott of Wire Watter in the Kingdome of England Marriner was
 admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon the 21st day of November 1665

sworne gratis
 Cap^t Thomas Beverly Quarter Master to y^e Right Hon^{ble} Arthur Earle of
 Donegall was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the
 sayd Burrough the 22nd day of November 1665 Thomas Warring Esq^r being then
 Sovereigne

sworne gratis
 Eodem die William Lorame Quarter Master to Leiftenn^t Colonell Moses Hill
 was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Burrough
 of Belfast Thomas Waring Esq^r Sovereigne

00 05 00 pd to Mr
 Peter Croft of Stalmin in y^e County of Lancaster Marriner was Admitted and
 sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Burrough of Belfast y^e 22nd of
 November 1665

00 05 00 pd to Mr Waring
 Eodem die Henry Clarke of Belfast Inholder was admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of y^e sayd Burrough Thomas Waring Esq^r
 Sovereigne

00 05 00 to y^e repayre of y^e Key pd to Mr Waring
 Robert Townson [was Ad] of Leeds in Yorkshire Clothyer was admitted and
 sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Burrough of Belfast the
 22nd day of November 1665 Thomas Waring Esq^r then Sovereigne

00 05 00 to y^e repayre of y^e Key pd to Mr Wm Waring
 Allen Burkett of the Grange in Lancashire Marriner was Admitted and sworne a
 free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Burrough of Belfast the 24th of
 November 1665 Thomas Waring Esq^r Sovereigne

00 05 00 to y^e repayre of y^e Key pd to Wm Waring
 Anthony Wyldie of the Isle of fancy Marriner was admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of y^e Burrough of Belfast the 22nd day of November
 Thomas Waring Esq^r Sovereigne

Tempore Edwardi Reynell Armiger Superior Burgi Sive Ville de Belfast in Comitatu Antrim et unus Justiciariorum pacis pro Domino Rege in Comitatu p'dict Communet et liberi homines Burgi Sive Ville p'dict fact et Admissi Anno Regni Domini nostri Caroli Secundi nunc Angliæ & decimo septimo Annoque Domini 1665

col 255 col pd for y^e use of the Towne
Robert Clarke Sonne of John Clarke having served his Apprentishipp to Hugh Campbell of the same Towne Merc^r upon his Peticion was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the sayd Burrough the 14th day of December 1665

00 05
William Arthur at a Court holden for the sayd Burrough the first day of february in anno predicto having served his Apprentishipp with William Smith of the same Borough Merchant was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the sayd Borough Edward Reynell Esq^r being then Sovereigne

00 05 00
Eodem Die John Tofte Taylor having served his time wth his father in law Tho Lightfoote was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the sayd Borough Edward Reynell Esq^r then Sovereigne fees unpaid

00 05 00
Eodem Die Thomas Barbin fletmaker having served his Apprentishipp with Robert Whiteside of the same Towne was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the sayd Borough Edward Reynell Esq^r then Sovereigne
to pay 10s to the use of y^e Towne

John Hamond the fifteenth day of february was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the sayd Borough Edward Reynell Esq^r then Sovereigne fees unpaid

01 00 00 to be paid within 3 weekes to y^e use of y^e Towne Rog Leathes to pay it
John Welsh of Glanavy Tanner was the fifth day of April 1666 admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Towne and Burrough of Belfast in the time of Edward Reynell Esq^r then Sovereigne

he served his Apprentis in this Towne wth Mr Waring
John Roads Tanner was the 3^d day of May 1666 admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Towne

Samson Theaker gent was the fifth day of July 1666 admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Merc^r of the Staple of the Towne and Burrough of Belfast Edward Reynell Esq^r

00 10 00 for y^e use of y^e Towne pd to Mr Reynell
Eodem die James Whyte Taylor was admitted a free Comoner of the Burrough of Belfast

00 15 00 to y^e Towne pd to Mr Reynell
Eodem die James Johnston merc^r was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple for y^e Burrough aforesayd

00 15 00 to y^e Towne pd to Mr Reynell
Eodem die Henry Taylor was admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Burrough aforesayd

00 10 00 pd Mr Reynell
Humfrey Dobbin Merc^r was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the sayd Burrough the 12th of July Mr Reynell Sovereigne

00 20 00 to be paid for y^e good of the Towne wth in 3 month
Eodem die John Willox Shoemaker was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner of the Burrough of Belfast

mort sworne gratis
Eodem die [John] Robert Jennings Cooke was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
sworne gratis

Eodem die John Arbuckles the Earle of Donegalls Gardner was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
sworne gratis fees unpd

Mr Luke Gould servant to y^e Earle of Donegall was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of y^e sayd Burrough the 30th of August 1666 fees unpd

00 10 00 to y^e Towne pd to Mr Sinckler appointed Treasurer for y^e Corporacon from this time
Eodem die Robert Hutchin shoemaker was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of y^e Burrough fees unpaid

00 20 00 pd to y^e Treasurer Mr Sinckler
Eodem die James Tomison was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Burrough of Belfast

Sworne gratis
25th October 1666 Robert Clark Rope Maker was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Burrough of Belfast Mr Edward Reynell Sovereigne

Served his Apprentishipp in Towne
Eodem die Richard Curle Butcher was admitted and sworne a free Comoner of this Corporacon

Sworne gratis having served his Apprentishipp wth Tho Waring Esqr
 27th day of November 1666 James Ballar *Tanner* was Admitted and sworne a
 free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the said Corporacon Edward Reynell Sovereigne
 00 12 06 pd Mr Sinckler for y^e use of y^e Towne
 17th January 1666 William Tomson Gray merc^t was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner and merchant of the Staple of the said Corporacon Edward Reynell Sovereigne
 00 10 00 pd to Mr Sinckler for the use of y^e Towne
 24th January 1666 John Adam *Taylor* was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 of this Corporacon
 Sworne gratis having served wth Tho Waring Esqr
 14th february 1666 John Moore *Tanner* was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of sayd Corporacon Edward Reynell Sovereigne
 Sworne gratis having served his time wth Tho Waring Esqr
 Eodem die Richard Workeman *Tanner* was admitted and sworne as aforesayd
 fees unpaid
 Sworne gratis having served his pentishipp wth Joseph Whitlocke deceased
 21th March 1666 Henry Williamson *Butcher* was admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner
 Served his apprenticeship wth Robert Skinner
 9th May 1667 Edward Hall *glover* was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner of
 this Corporacon
 00 10 00 pd to Mr Sinckler for y^e Towne
 30th May 1667 Francis Vivian Blacksmith was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner
 Sworne gratis having served his Apprentishipp wth Alexander Sincklar
 6th of June 1667 William Sincklar *Merc^t* was Admitted and Sworne a free
 Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of the Corporacon
 Served his apprenticeship as aforesayd
 eodem die Hugh Speare *Merc^t* was Admitted and Sworne as aforesayd
 pd 00 10 00 to y^e use of y^e Towne to Mr Sincklar
 11th July 1667 John McHarran labourer was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 of this Corporacon
 mort pd to the use of the Towne 00 10 00 to Mr Sincklar
 5th September 1667 Thomas Wrench of the City of Chester Merchant was
 Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner and Merc^t of the Staple
 sworne gratis having served his Apprentishipp
 eodem die 1667 William Karran Blacksmith was Admitted
 pd 00 06 08 to be pd to Mr to Mr Sincklar by y^e Sergeants
 5th September 1667 Andrew Paton *Butcher* was admitted
 Mort 00 05 08 to be paid by the Sergeants to Mr Sincklar for y^e use of the Towne
 eodem die 1667 William Coxan Joyner was Admitted
 00 06 08 to the Towne to be paid by Robert Martin at All Saints next
 19th September 1667 John Hill *Gray Merc^t* was Admitted and Sworne a free
 Comoner
 00 06 08 to the Towne to be paid by John Cryfin at All Saints
 eodem die John Johnston *Taylor* was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 01 00 00 pd to Mr Sincklar for y^e use of the Towne
 26th September 1667 Tho Tippin was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 served his Apprentishipp in Towne to doe X^{ss} for y^e good of y^e Towne in worke
 eodem die Bradshaw Leathes was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and
 Merc^t of the Staple
 00 10 00 pd to Mr Sincklar for y^e Towne
 eodem die Ennis McAllyster was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 to be paid by Hugh Gollocher
 eodem die Thomas Richardson Carpenter was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner of this Corporacon
 00 10 00 to be paid by Hugh Gollocher
 eodem die John Gowen Carpenter was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 [and] of this Corporacon
 mort Served his time in Towne
 eodem die Michael Campbell Dyer was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner of
 this Corporacon
 00 10 00 to be paid by Mr Wye
 eodem die Orlando Ashley *Barber* was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
 eodem die Francis fisher was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and merchant
 of the Staple
 Served his Apprentishipp
 eodem die Robert Skerris *Butcher* was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 to be done in worke
 eodem die Thomas Orpin Glasier was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 to be pd in a month
 eodem die Obadiah Grove Taylor was Admitted a free Comoner

sworne gratis
 eodem die John Bird Clockmaker was Admitted a free Comoner
 00 10 00 to be pd in a month
 eodem die John Brogdon Shoemaker was Admitted a free Comoner
 Served his Apprentishipp in Towne
 eodem die John Cordiner Chandler was Admitted a free Comoner
 sworne gratis
 eodem die Robert Cornwall gent was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner and
 merchant of the Staple of this Burrough
 Tempore Georgii McCartney Armiger tunc Superior Ville Belfast
 24th October 1667 James Burney Merc' was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 and Merc' of the Staple served his Apprentishipp wth William Tomb Merc'
 Twenty still pd to Mr Sincklar
 eodem die Lawrence Oram Planter was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 and Merc' of the Staple
 01 00 00 to the Town pd to Mr Sincklar
 21th November 1667 Samuel Moore of Ayre Merchant was Admitted and Sworne
 a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple of this Corporacon
 Sworne gratis
 28th November 1667 Cap^t John Blair Marriner was Admitted and Sworne a free
 Comoner and Merchant of y^e Staple of this Corporacon
 served his Apprentishipp wth George Maron Burgesse
 19th December 1667 George Hardie of Belfast Merc' was admitted and sworne a
 free Comoner and Merchant of y^e Staple
 served his Apprentishipp wth Arthur Houghton
 2nd January 1667 Thomas Leathes Butcher was Admitted and Sworne a free
 Comoner
 served his Apprentishipp wth John Heson
 16th January 1667 William Rutcliffe Clothyer was admitted a free Com'
 to pay 10s to ye Towne w^{thin} a month
 eodem die John Charnley feltmaker was Admitted a free Comoner
 Sworne gratis having served his tyme wth Mr Eddes
 Hugh Lendey Merchant was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merchant
 of y^e Staple the 26th of March 1668
 00 15 00 to ye Towne pd to Mr Sincklar
 eodem die James [A] Egarr Merc' was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 and Merc' of the Staple
 00 05 00 to y^e Towne to Mr Sincklar
 eodem die John Smith Glover was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 to y^e Towne pd Mr Sincklar
 Alexander Boyess Shoemaker was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 to y^e Towne pd Mr Sincklar
 9th of April 1668 John Murdough Shoemaker was Admitted and Sworne a free
 Comoner of this Corporacon
 Sworne gratis having served his Apprentishipp in Towne
 7th of May, 1668 Richard Lam Bricklayer was admitted and Sworne a free
 Comoner
 14th May 1668 Richard florestor Taylor was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner
 00 15 00
 eodem die John Adam Merchant was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner and
 Merchant of the Staple
 0 10 00
 eodem die Thomas Dunkin was Admitted
 Served his Apprentishipp in Towne
 eodem die Hercules Langtree was Admitted
 pd 1 00 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
 9th July 1668 Gilbert Rosse Merchant was admitted & sworne a free Comoner of
 this Burrough and Merchant of the Staple
 Sworne gratis having served his Apprentishipp wth Israel Christian
 eodem die Patrick Humes Butcher was Admitted
 00 05 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
 23rd July 1668 Richard Ashmoore Glover was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner
 00 10 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
 eodem die John Martin Labourer was Admitted & sworne a free Comoner of this
 Burrough
 01 00 00 to y^e Towne pd to Mr Sincklar
 17th September 1668 Monsieur Daniel Mascon Merchant was Admitted & sworne
 a free Comoner and merchant of the Staple
 Sworne gratis having served his Apprentishipp wth William Thom Merchant
 24th September 1668 Andrew Hutchinson Merchant was Admitted and sworne
 a free Comoner of this Corporacon

- 00 10 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
 eodem die Francis Mankin Butcher was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
 eodem die John Brookes Butcher was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
 1st October 1668 Andrew Keyle Cooper was Admitted & sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
 13th October 1668 Thomas Clarke Stone Mason was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner of the Borough of Belfast
 00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
 eodem die Thomas Corbitt Taylor was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
 eodem die William Bryan y^r younger weaver was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner of y^r Borough
 00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
 eodem die John Murrow Carpenter was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
 eodem die John Tomson Cooper was Admitted & sworne a free Comoner
 Gratis
 29th October 1668 S^r Hercules Langford Barronett was Admitted and Sworne
 a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple
 Gratis
 eodem die John Chichester Esq^r sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 eodem die Charles Bolton Esq^r sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 Arthur Upton Esq^r sworne ut prius
 qy what he pd & to whom—nil
 eodem die Peter Gubb Vintner was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner &
 Merchant of the Staple
 01 00 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
 19th November 1668 Nicholas Cox Merchant was admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner and Merchant of y^r Staple
 Sworne Gratis having served his Apprentiship wth Peirce Welsh
 10th December 1668 William Ogan Shoemaker was admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner of the Borough aforesayd
 Gratis
 eodem die Alexander Ferguson Servant to the Earle of Donegall was admitted
 & sworne a free Comoner
 Gratis
 eodem die Jenkin Jones Servant to y^r Earle of Donegall was admitted & sworne
 a free Comoner
 Gratis
 eodem die Robert Stately Servant to y^r Earle of Donegall was Admitted &
 sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
 eodem die William Fulton Shoemaker was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 served his time wth his father
 17th December 1668 Francis Ratcliffe y^r younger Dyer was Admitted and sworne
 a free Comoner
 served his Apprentiship wth John Hodson
 eodem die Richard Ratcliff Clothier was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
 eodem die James English Bricklayer was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 Towne 00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
 17th December 1668 James Ayesdale Slater was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner
 00 10 00 Mr Sincklar
 eodem die John Corsby Mason was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 Gratis
 Seventh of January 1668 S^r Arthur Chichester Knight was Admitted and sworne
 a free Comoner and merchant of the Staple of the Borough of Belfast
 Gratis
 Eodem die Richard Coote Esq^r was sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 eodem die Conway Hill Esq^r was sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 eodem die Richard Eustace gent was sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 eodem die John Chichester gent was sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 eodem die Charles Chichester gent was sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 eodem die Edward Harrison gent was sworne ut prius

Gratis
eodem die Chichester Philipps gent was sworne ut prius

Gratis
eodem die John Tooley Chirurgion was sworne ut prius

Gratis
21th January 1668 Thomas Sandeford servant to the Earle of Donegall was
Admitted a free Comoner

Gratis
John Vicar merc^r was admitted and sworne a free Comoner & merc^r of the Staple
00 10 00 pd to Mr Sincklar
1st Aprilis 1669 Andrew Maxwell was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
& merc^r of the Staple of this Borrough

Sworne gratis having served his Apprentishipp wth his father
eodem die John Crosley Blacksmith was Admitted & sworne a free Comoner of
this Borrough

Sworne gratis
William Bigger was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner & merc^r of the Staple
00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
eodem die John Johnston Carpenter was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
00 15 00 pd Mr Sincklar
William Kay was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner & march^t of the Staple
the day aforesayd

Sworne gratis having served his time wth Mr Eccles merc^r
William Dobbin was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner & March^t of the Staple
the day aforesayd
00 10 00 on trust
5th of August 1669 Henry Smith Vintner was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
of the Staple the day aforesayd

sworne gratis
Roger Jonesse Labourer was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner of the Staple
the day aforesayd
00 10 00 pd Mr Sincklar
26th of August 1669 Archibald McNeill was Admitted and sworne a free
Comoner the day aforesayd
00 10 00
David Sharplee was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Merch^t of the Staple
the day aforesayd
Simon Sharplee was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Merch^t of the Staple
of the Staple (sic) payd M^r Sincklar 00 10 00
Robert Fonge was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner & Merch^t of the Staple
the day aforesayd payd M^r Sincklar 00 12 06
Robert Colbert was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Merch^t of the Staple
the day aforesayd payd M^r Sincklar 00 12 06

Gratis
2^d day of September 1669 James McCartney gent was Admitted and Sworne a
free Comoner and merc^r of the Staple of the Borrough of Belfast

Gratis served his time in Towne
eodem die William Crawford sworne ut prius
00 10 00
eodem die Hugh Crawford sworne ut prius
00 10 00
eodem die Jonathan Allen Weaver sworne a free Comoner
00 10 00
eodem die John McGowan Weaver sworne a free Comoner
00 10 00
eodem die John Mercer Butcher sworne a free Comoner
00 12 06
9th day of September 1669 Alexander Ury Taylor sworne a free Comoner
00 13 06
eodem die John Hailestones Carpenter
00 10 00 wth in a fortnight
Alexander Spavin Carpenter
00 13 06
Archibald Valentine Marriner
00 10 01¹/₂
James Murray Marriner
00 10 01¹/₂
John Harley Porter
01 00 00
William Blackstock was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner & Merc^r of the
Staple
02 00 00
9th day of September 1669 John Waugh Merc^r was Admitted and Sworne a free
Comoner and Merc^r of the Staple

01 00 00 eodem die Henry Waugh his Sonn sworne ut prius
 Served his time wth Nicholas Garnett
 eodem die Matthew Garnett Chandler was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 00 12 06 Coxan bound to pay it
 eodem die Thomas Hannah Taylor was sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 to be wrought
 eodem die John Bell Carpenter was sworne a free Comoner
 Gratis
 16th September 1669 Hugh Miller Merc^r was Admitted and Sworne a free
 Comoner and Merc^r of y^e Staple
 01 00 00 eodem die Alexander White Merc^r was sworne ut prius
 00 10 00 eodem die David Chambers Merc^r sworne ut prius
 00 10 00 eodem die James Jackson Yeoman sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 eodem die Alexander Latimer was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner
 Gratis served his time wth Mr M^r Carney
 eodem die John Hamilton Merc^r was Admitted and Sworne a free Comoner and
 Merc^r of the Staple
 00 10 00 16th September 1669 Robert Walker Gray Merch^t was Admitted and Sworne a
 free Comoner
 00 10 00 eodem die James Scott Marriner sworne ut prius
 00 10 00 eodem die William Patterson Baker sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 23rd September 1669 Thomas Tompson shipwright was Admitted and Sworne a
 free Comoner
 00 10 00 eodem die Robert White Taylor sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 eodem die John Martin sworne ut prius
 00 05 00 eodem die William Nelson Sadler sworne ut prius
 00 10 00 eodem die Thomas Miller Gray Merc^r sworne ut prius
 00 10 00 Jo: Agnew to pay
 eodem die James Clarck Cooper sworne ut prius
 eodem die John Wyatt Butcher sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 eodem die William Taylor Weaver sworne ut prius
 00 10 00 to be payd 2 months
 eodem die Alexander M^r Bride Ale seller sworne ut prius
 00 10 00 eodem die John Noble Taylor sworne ut prius
 eodem die William Cowdan Glover sworne ut prius
 Tempore Gulielmi Waring Armiger 14th October 1669
 00 10 00 Mr Sincklar
 Bryan Mercer Butcher was Admitted
 00 10 00 p^r Mr Sincklar
 eodem die Henry Mercer Butcher was Admitted
 01 00 00 21st October 1669 Cornelius Van Weedee was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner and merc^r of the Staple
 Gratis
 21 January 1669 S^r Michael Hicks Knight was Admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner and merc^r of the Staple
 Gratis
 Claudius Gilbert Clerk ut prius
 Gratis
 Samuel Brian Gent ut prius
 Gratis
 Hugh Smith Gent ut prius
 Gratis
 John M^r Ilwaine Chirurgeon ut prius
 00 11 00 James Glasco Marriner Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 0 20 00 John Kerron Weaver Admitted a free Comoner
 Gratis
 Bartholomew Cade Gent Admitted a free Comoner

- dent*
 Gratis Hans Hamilton Esq^r Admitted a free Comoner & merchant of the Staple
 Dudly Loftus gent ut prius
 0 10 0 Thomas Knox merc^r Admitted & sworne a free Comoner and merc^r of the Staple
 0 10 0 Captaine John Wilson Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and merc^r of the Staple
 0 15 0 George Chaloner Merc^r Admitted ut prius
 0 10 0 Thomas Harper Merc^r Admitted ut prius
 Gratis John Haddock Gent ut prius
 Gratis Gervis Hare Gent ut prius
 Gratis Thomas Bradly Gent ut prius
 Served his time wth Charles Whitlock
 Edmond Harton Butcher Admitted a free Comoner
 0 15 0 Henry Chads Admitted a free Comoner
 Served his time wth Roger Leathes
 John McGowan Tanner Admitted a free Comoner
 Served his time wth Roger Leathes
 James Corry Tanner Admitted a free Com^r
 1 05 0 Thomas Akin Merc^r Admitted a free Comoner and Merch^r of the Staple
 Served his time wth Arthur Houghton
 David Ogan Butcher Admitted a free Com^r
 Served his time wth James Clark
 26 May 1670 Robert Murrough Coop^r admitted a free Com^r
 1 10 0 William Stewart Merc^r Admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Merch^r of y^e Staple
 1 0 0 John White sen Merc^r ut prius
 Gratis William Powell Esq^r ut prius
 55 in worke 23 June 1670 Thomas Costin Bricklayer Admitted a free Comoner
 55 in worke Richard Court Glasier ut prius
 00 10 0 James Cranston Taylor ut prius
 00 10 0 Adam Williamson Tanner Admitted a free Comoner
 0 15 0 30th June 1670 John Britton Merc^r was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merc^r of y^e Staple
 Served his time wth George Rogers
 William Ashmore Glover Admitted a free Comoner
 Gratis Henry Earle of Clanbrazill Admitted a free Comoner and Merc^r of the Staple
 Gratis William Hill Esq^r Admitted ut prius
 Gratis John Lord Butler sonn to the Duke of Ormond Admitted a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple
 Gratis Charles Meredith Esq^r ut prius
 Gratis Richard Earle of Arran Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merc^r of the Staple
 Gratis Peirce Lord Baron of Cayre Admitted ut prius
 Gratis Edmund Butler Esq^r Admitted ut prius
 Gratis Major Thomas flairefax Admitted ut prius
 eodem die Anthony Hamilton Esq^r Admitted ut prius
 Gratis Collonell William Cecill brother to the Earle of Salusbury Admitted ut prius

- Gratis Major Samuel Stewart Admitted ut prius
- Gratis Richard Needham Gent Admitted ut prius
- Gratis Richard Hutton Gent Admitted ut prius
- Gratis William Tomson Gent Admitted ut prius
- Served his time wth And^{erson} 22nd September 1670 Daniel Harper Merc^t was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merc^t of the Staple
- o 10 o Thomas Darby Butcher Admitted a free Comoner
- Served his time wth Jo Widdlock 27th October 1670 John Symons Clothier Admitted ut prius
- o 10 o Christopher Pitt Butcher Admitted ut prius
- o 10 o Alexander McCree Taylor Admitted ut prius
- o 10 o Thomas Williamson Smith Admitted ut prius
- Servant to Michael Bigger Alexander Woods Merc^t Admitted a free Comoner and Merchant of the Staple
- o 10 o 13th October 1670 John Bell Weaver Admitted a free Comoner
- o 10 o Robert Adaire Glasier Admitted ut prius
- Gratis Richard Magee sworne ut prius
- Gratis Thomas Hurst Gent Admitted ut prius
- Served his time wth Jo Hindon 27th October 1670 John Symons Clothier Admitted ut prius
- Served his time wth Sanders-Sinkler 3rd November 1670 John Russell Merc^t was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merc^t of y^e Staple
- Gratis William Hinch Joyner Admitted a free Comoner
- 11 5s od 17th November 1670 William Lockart Merc^t was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner and Merc^t of the Staple
- o 10 o Arthur Whiteside [sworn a ff] Gunn Smith sworne a free Comoner
- o 10 o 13th December 1670 John Fisher Taylor Admitted a free Comoner
- o 10 o 12th January 1670 William Ratcliffe Clothier sworne ut prius
- o 10 o Alexander Miller sworne a free Comoner
- o 10 o Thomas Hood Shoemaker sworne ut prius
- Gratis Arthur Haven Gent sworne a free Comoner
- Gratis Lawrence Trent Merc^t sworne ut prius
- o 10 o William McNeish sworne as afores^d
- Gratis 22 December 1670 John Williamson Gent sworne ut prius
- Served his Apprentiship wth Hugh Gullagh Andrew Miffrian Carpenter Admitted and sworne a free Comoner
- Served his time wth Robert Quin Robert Rowan Curryer sworne ut prius
- 10s to be paid by Capt Leathes Thomas Stalker Joyner sworne ut prius
- Gratis Thomas Chades Gent sworne ut prius
- 10s to y^e Towne 26 January 1670 Andrew Tompson Ale Seller Sworne ut prius
- Townes money forgiven 26 January 1670 John Beck gent Sworne a free Comoner and Merc^t of the Staple
- 15s to y^e Towne 16 February 1670 Archibald Adaire Merc^t Sworne ut prius
- Served his time wth And Keyle 9 March 1670 Thomas Cranston Cooper sworne a free Comoner
- Gratis John Mercer Gent sworne ut prius

- 21 to y^e Towne
Thomas Taylor Merc' sworne ut prius
Gratis
13th April 1671 William Dobbin Alderman of Carrickfergus sworne a free
Comoner
Gratis
20th April 1671 Thomas Earle of Ardglass sworne ut
Gratis
Richard Dobb Esquire sworne ut prius
Gratis
Edward Muschamp Esq' sworne ut prius
Gratis
Henry Horton Gent sworne ut prius
205 to y^e Towne
Richard Holgan Mariner sworne
served his time wth Chalmers
18 May 1671 John Chalmers Merc' sworne a free Stapler and Comoner
275 6d to y^e Towne
15 June 1671 Richard Slosse Merc' was sworne ut prius
205 to the Towne
Samuel Lennox Merc' sworne ut prius
Gratis
29 June 1671 Nicholas Dowdall Philitian sworne
21 to the Towne & Sovereigne to be payd in two months
13 July 1671 James English Butcher sworne a free Comoner
Gratis
27 July 1671 S^r John Rowley Knight sworne ut prius
Gratis
Tristram Berrisford Esq sworne
205 to the Towne
3 August 1671 William M'Durney Ship Carpenter sworne a free Comoner
Served his time wth William Moore
10 August 1671 William Ramsey Merc' a free Comoner
205 to the Towne
24 Aug^r 1671 Robert Humphrey Vintner sworne a free Comoner
Gratis
Peter Whyte Sovereignes servant sworne a free Comoner
205 to y^e Towne
Thomas Lock Cooper sworne ut prius
205 to y^e Towne
31 August 1671 Alexander Makay weaver Sworne a free Comoner
205 to y^e Towne
Mathew Syn merc' sworne ut prius
205 to y^e Towne
John Smith Chapman sworne a free Comoner
205 to y^e Towne
7th September 1671 Mathew King merc' sworne ut prius
205 to y^e Towne
James Clark Chapman sworne ut prius
205 to y^e Towne
William Bell weaver sworne ut
Gratis
William Dobson Joyner sworne ut
Gratis
14th September 1671 John Browne Taylor sworne ut
205 to y^e Towne
James M'Cartney weaver sworne ut prius
205 to y^e Towne to be payd in a month
Edward M'Bride Carpenter sworne a free Comoner
205 to y^e Towne to be pd in a fortnight
John Holmes Sadler sworne ut prius
Gratis
James Jackson Joyner sworne ut
Gratis
William Johnston Tanner sworne
205 to y^e Towne
James Rosse merc' sworne ut prius
205 to y^e Towne
21 September 1671 Edward Chalkhill Vintner sworne
Served his time wth Nich Garnett
John Bell Chandler sworne ut prius
Gratis
28 September 1671 John Lindon Esq' sworne ut prius
Gratis
Tho: Rickaby Gent sworne ut prius

- 106 to 1st Towne
James Tate Taylor sworne ut prius
- 106 to 1st Towne
George Burton Blacksmith sworne
- 05 to 1st Towne
Thomas Coates shoemaker sworne
- 106 to the Towne
William Henderson Butcher sworne
- 106 to 1st Towne
George Lisle Chapman sworne ut prius
- 106 to 1st Towne
Thomas M'Clunn Taylor sworne
- 106 to 1st Towne
Thomas Chapman Carpenter sworne
- 106 to 1st Towne McIlwaine bound
Charles Toysch Dyer sworne ut prius
- 175 6d to 1st Towne
Brice Crawford *merchant* sworne ut prius
- 10 to 1st Towne John Bell bound
Hugh Bell Weaver sworne ut prius
- Gratis
28 September 1671 George Waren Gent sworne ut prius
106 to 1st Towne James Chalmers bound
William M'Blane Mason sworne
- Gratis
Bryan M'Henry Aleseller sworne
- 106 to 1st Towne Capt Leathes Bayle
James Holmes Mariner sworne
- 106 to 1st Towne Capt Leathes bound
William Clugston Smith sworne
- Gratis
Thomas Edwards Gent sworne
- Gratis
Capt William Bird sworne ut prius
- Gratis
Richard M'Gee Merchant sworne ut prius
Thomas Walkcott Esq^r Super^r Ville de Belfast
- pd 00 10 00
19 Oc^r 1671 Philip Lynch sworne a free Comoner
- Gratis
W^m Barnett Goldsmith sworne ut pris
- pd 00 00 00
John Younge merchant sworne
- 00 10 00
run away & pd nothing
Abraham Egerton Butcher sworne ut pr
- pd 00 10 00
John Willson of Carmoney Butcher sworne
- pd 00 10 00
John Doake merchant sworne freeman
- pd 00 10 00
30th of Nov^r 1671 Phlemon Chamberlin march^t sworne
- pd 00 10 00
John Gill gent of Lurgan sworne
- pd 00 10 00
James Stewart of Lurgan gent sworne
- 00 10 00
John Whinnery Bricklay sworne
- Henry Thelford Bayled pd 00 10 00
Manns Taylor sworne
- Gratis
James Clifford Parish Clarke
- Served his apprenticeship
John Allen Weavour sworne a freeman
- apprentice
Edward Carron shoemaker prentis & sworne
- apprentice
John Kennedy Carpenter sworne
- pd 00 10 00
11 January 1671 John Donnellson merchant sworne a freeman
- 00 10 00
Wm McNeesh Bayle
James Anderson gray merchant sworne
- Served his apprenticeship *free gratis*
John M'Bride merchant sworne ut pris
- Gratis
18 Jan^y 1671 James Younge march^t served his apprentices^h with George M'Cartney
march^t & sworne a freeman

- pd 00 06 08 John Dowey Cooper sworne a freeman ut prius
 pd 00 10 00 Rob^t Ranton Baker was sworne a freeman this 1st of feby 1671
 Gratis ffr Cary Eagr was admitted and sworne a freeman 16 Nov 1671
 served his prent^{is} with Mr Smith
 Ninian Hill marc^t was sworne and admitted a freeman this 3rd of feby 1671
 Gratis this 29 feby 1671 Wil liam Dean Clothier was admitted and sworne a freeman
 served his prent^{is} with Jo Bell
 Acaias Ratchliffe [was] Carpenter was admitted and sworn a free Comoner
 pd 00 05 00 Hugh ut^r Creery Cooper was admitted & sworne a free Comoner
 Served his prent^{is} with Jo Johnston
 Brice Boyd was admitted and sworne a free Comoner ut p^r
 Gratis 18th of appryle 1672 Andrew M^cCullogh Bow maker was admitted and sworne
 a free Comoner
 Served his tyme
 James Luke Cooper was admitted and sworne a free Comoner
 eol 100 000 W^m Popley Mariner was this 16 of May admitted & sworne a free Comoner of
 this Corporacon
 Gratis Michael Porter Cooper this 6th of Jun 1672 was Admitted & sworne A free
 Comoner of this Corporation
 Gratis Andrew Corsby Carpenter this 6th of Jun 1672 was Admitted & sworn A free
 Comoner of this Corporation
 Gratis David Heleoron Mariner this 13th of Jun 1672 was Admitted & sworn A free
 Comoner of this Corporation
 term shill to be pd W^m Ashmor plegd Lamas
 July 6th 1672 W^m Ervine this day was admitted a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 Gratis July y^r 13th 1672 James Linsey Merch^t was admitted and sworn a free Comoner
 of this Corporacon and Merch^t of y^r Staple
 Gratis David Strange Merch^t was admitted and sworn a free Comoner of this Corporacon
 & M^{ch} of y^r S^t
 100 to y^r town
 August y^r 15th 1672 Peeter Stewart marc^t was sworne a free Comon^t & March^t of
 y^r Staple
 100 to y^r town
 Hugh Aspij ut prius
 served his tyme wth Ja Martin
 George Dunbarre Sadler was sworne a free Comoner
 served his tyme wth Richar Lenin
 W^m Dawson ut prius
 served wth Mr Clugston
 Agust 22 Michael Clugston marc^t was Admitted and Sworne
 100 pd Mr Sov:
 Septemb^r y^r 12 1672 W^m Collhown marc^t was admitted and sworn a free
 Comoner of this Corporacon
 100
 100 Ralph Smith gent ut prius
 100 Alexander Woods anglus Merchant ut prius
 75 6d Brice Smith merch^t was sworne a free Comon^r
 100 Gabriell Throckmorton ut prius
 100 Edward Shewell ut prius
 Gratis Edward Brees was sworn a free Comoner
 Gratis John Sanders ut prius
 75 6d Septemb^r 19th 1672th James Allexander Taylor was sworn a free Comoner
 Gratis Thomas Gemble Cutler ut prius
 100 2^d 6d unp^d
 W^m Kendall Baker was sworne a free Comon^r

Served his tyme wth Ch Whytlocke
 Charles Dolson ut prius
 Septemb^r 26th 1672 William Tuckare Ship Carp^r was sworne a free Comoner of
 this Corporacon
 Served his tyme wth Wm Gibb
 William Becke *tylor* ut prius
 John Robison gardiner was sworn
 William Lockart mason ut prius
 John Drummon ut prius
 Richard Crooke ut prius
 Michael Clagh ut prius
 Mathew Edminston Carp^r was sworn
 7th 6d W^m Husler ut prius
 John Woods was sworn
 Rob^t Rogerson *Cooke* ut prius
 Tempore Georgij m^cCartney: n^r armiger: superioris Burgi Sive Ville De Belfast
 in Com Antur et Unitis ex Juscicariis pacis pro Domino rege in Com predicti liberi et
 communes facti ut libertatate Donati sunt sequentes anno Domini Millesimo sexcen-
 tesimo Septuagesimo secundo annoque Caroli Secundi regis anglie scotie francie et hib:
 Vicesimo quarto
 gratis consensu curie
 17th of Octob^r 1672 W^m Love gent was admitted and sworn a free Comoner of
 this Corporacon
 10s to be paid to y^e Town
 Octob^r 31 1672 George Lockart mercht was sworn a free Comon^r & mercht of
 y^e Staple
 Quintin Moor was admitted & sworne ut prius
 Gratis
 November y^e 14th 1672 Peter Carteret Esq^r was admitted and Sworne a free
 Comoner and mercht of y^e Staple
 Gratis
 Capt Edward Tarleton *mariner* ut prius
 Gratis
 Edward Wilson *mariner* ut prius
 served his tyme wth R Ashmor
 Rog^r M^cBurny *skinner* ut prius
 00 10
 Andrew Smith } Taylor mony pd 20s
 00 10 pd 00 } made freemen 6 Jan^y 1672
 Daniell Christian } Weaver by Daniell Cristian w^ev to Georg M^cCartney sover
 served his tyme wth Wm Keeran
 27 of february 1672 [John] George Kerran Blacksmith was sworn a free Comoner
 John M^cKeown taylor ut prius
 10s pd y^e Sovereigne
 May y^e 8th 1673 Alexander Kyle Tanner was sworn a free Comoner of this
 Corporacon p^d
 served wth Tho Read
 John Sloan Butcher ut prius
 10s to be pd to y^e towne
 Wm Thompson ut prius unp^d
 served wth A Haughton
 George Bankes Butcher unp^d
 May 15th 1673 John M^cKobts was sworn a free Comoner of this Corporacon unp^d
 10s paid
 July y^e 3 1673 Rob^t Hunter ship carpenter was sworne a free Comoner of this
 Corporacon p^d
 10s pd to y^e towne
 James Campble ship carpenter ut prius
 10s to be pd to y^e town
 Wm Watson shoemaker ut prius
 apprentice
 James Coats carpenter sworn before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovraigne of y^e said
 Burrough y^e 13th November 1673
 Apprentice
 John Buick Blacksmith sworn free man before Georg m^cCartny Esq^r Sovraigne of
 y^e said Burrough y^e 13th Sth
 Gratis
 John Crafford Merchant sworn free Man before Georg m^cCartny Esq^r Sovraigne
 of y^e said Burrough y^e 20th Sth
 Gratis
 James Shonsidegs gent sworn free Comon^r of y^e said Burrough before Georg
 m^cCartny Esq^r & other Burgesses y^e 27th November

Town Stoke

James Read Merchant sworn free Comon' of y^e said Burrough before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovereign & other Burgeses y^e 27th November 1673

William Woods Admitted & sworn a free Comoner of y^e said Burrough before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sov^r with y^e consent of y^e Burgeses y^e 11th December 1673

Henry Jackson Tanner Admitted & sworn a free Comoner before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sov^r with y^e consent of y^e Burgeses 8th Janry 1673

John Coulburn Cooper Admitted & sworn a free Comoner before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovereign with y^e consent of y^e Burgeses y^e 8th Janry 1673

James Read Merchant sworn free Comoner of y^e said Burrough before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sov^r y^e 26th day of february

Georg Ashmor felt maker sworn & admided a free Comoner before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r

John Nessmith merchant sworn & Admitted a free Comoner before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovereign y^e 13th March 1673

John flarran Carpenter

James Craiton Tailor

John Patterson Tailor

William m^cCall Tailor

John Deever Tailor

William Goodwin barber

Robert Nevin merchant sworn y^e 16th July

Nathaniell Stuard Masson sworn free Comoner of y^e Burrough y^e 11th June before Georg m^cCartney Sov^r

John Fletcher merchant sworn y^e 23rd July

Thomas Heslop weaver sworne a free Comoner y^e 23rd July before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sov^r

Denis English Tailor

Hugh Wittnell Butcher

James Pinkerton Weaver

Samuell Morgan Mariner

Hugh Doak merchant

John m^cCrakin Gardiner

William Miller yeoman

Thomas Read Drover

James m^cCartney Merchant

Thomas Jackson merchant of y^e Stapell

Georg Theaker merchant Apprentis served wth Hugh Eccles

Thomas Yeoung merchant

John Turner [C] Blockmaker

Alex^r Boccell merchant

Hugh Gūlpatrick merch^t

John Craford Carpenter

James Purdy Butcher

Richard Morison Couper

all sworn before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovereign y^e 21st May 1674

all Admitted & sworn y^e 30th July before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovereign of y^e same

all sworn before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovereign y^e 3rd Sth

all sworn before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovereign y^e 10th September 1674

all sworn before Georg m^cCartney Esq^r Sovereign of y^e said Burrough y^e 16th Sth

o 10 o	Arthur m'Cann Tanner	}	all sworn Befor Georg m'Cartney Esq' y ^e 23 ^d S th 1674
o 10 o	hargus Lindsey Tanner		
8 ^r	Thomas Lester Butcher		
8 ^r	James M'Guire Butcher		
8 ^r	William Black Chapman		
o 10 o	Quartm' Andrew M'Ketrick fees [yeoman] p ^d in wine		
8 ^r	Andrew Agnew Aprentice Couper		
o 10 o	John Edenbury Tailor	}	
8 ^r	John Sloan Aleseller		
Tempore Hugonis Eccles Armig ^r Superioris Burgi Sive Ville De Belfast in Com Antrim et unius ex Justiciariis pacis pro Domino Rege in Com predict liberi et Communis facti ut libertate Donati sunt sequentis Anno Domini Millesimo sexcentissimo Septua- gesimo quarto Annoque Caroli secundi Regis Anglie Scotie francie et Hib [visse] Vicesimo Sexto			
	Thomas Leathes Merchant of y ^e Stapell	}	Sworn before Hugh Eckells Esq' Sovraigne y ^e 1 st S th 1674 gratis
	John Johnston Merchant of y ^e Stapell		
	Allex ^r White Merchant of y ^e Stapell	}	Sworn befor Hugh Eckells Esq' Sovraigne y ^e 3 ^d of O ^{ct} 1674 gratis
	Richard L ^r Viscount Ranelagh		
	francis Lord Anger	}	
	John L ^r Viscount Massareen		
	S ^r William flower Knight	}	
	S ^r Theophilus Joanes K ^t & Barronet		
	S ^r Arthur Joanes K ^t	}	
	Georg Tandy gent gratis		
oo 10 oo	John Henderson barber	}	
	John Quoy Couper sworn y ^e 4th March Aprentice		
gratis	Edward Stroud Butcher } sworne y ^e 22 ^d Aprill	}	
gratis	William Smith Masson } befor Hugh Eckells Sovraigne		
gratis	Allex ^r Hillhouse merchant sworn y ^e 8th May	}	
	John Kipton Grosser sworn y ^e 10th July		
Aprentice	David Christian Butcher sworn y ^e 12th August	}	
o 10 oo	John Cambell Baker sworn y ^e 22 ^d July befor Hugh Eckells Sovraigne		
1 oo	James Stuard Merchant sworn y ^e 12th August	}	
o 10 oo	Robert Doake Merch ^t sworn y ^e 12 August		
o 10 oo	Thomas Stuard Tobaco Spiner s: 19th August	}	
gratis	S ^r Francis Blundell sworn a free Commoner befor Hugh Eckells Esq' Sovraigne		
& y ^e 21th August	Leuit John Baserfeld sworn eod	}	
gratis	John Norrice Esq' sworn eod		
	M ^r John Montgomery sworn eod	}	
gratis	Ensigne Thomas Kittson sworn eod		
106	Michell Dawson feltmaker sworn y ^e 9th 7 th	}	
106	James Graham Butcher swor y ^e 16th 7 th		
gratis	Georg Mankin Chandler	}	
gratis	John Black Merch ^t		
gratis	Allex ^r Spence Merch ^t	}	
106	David Thomson Sadler		
gratis	John Cambell Cordwainer	}	
106	francis Newland Sadler		
gratis	Robert Balantin	}	
106	Zakaria Craford Tailor		
106	James Smith Tanner	}	
106	Andrew Cunningham Tailor		

[Cp. William Amos } 7 Oct 1675 admitted free]
 Edward Williamson }
 Tempore Georgi McCarney Armeig^r Superior Burgo of Belfast Michalmas 1675

grat Capt W^m Amos }
 gratis Capt Edward Williamson of Liverpool } 7th Octo^r 1675
 admitted and sworne free Commoners & Staplers &c.

gr^a Ebenezer Winiar Gent }
 pd 15 00 Thomas fletcher march^t } 14th Octol^r 1675 was admitted free Comoners & March
 Staplers of this Corporacon

gr^r Cap^t Richard Morriss }
 gr^r L^t Thomas Buckridge } L^t }
 gr^r En George Stawion } 14th Octol^r 1675
 Ens Gilbert Butles } Ensignes }

served his app^r Francis Johnston marchant }
 gratis William McKerrell marchant } 4th Nov^r 1675 admitted a freeman

served his app^r John Patterson Carpenter 11th Nov^r 1675 admitted free

served his apprenticeship Gilbert m^r Kewne marcht was admitted and sworne y^r 25 Nov^r 1675

served his apprenticeship Samuell Verner marcht was admitted and sworne y^r 25th Nov^r 1675

pd 10 00 John Hamilton Taylor was admitted and sworne y^r 25th Nov^r 1675

served his app^r John Adayre Glayser y^r 24 dec^r 1675 was admit^d & sworn

pd 15 00 John Thomson marcht y^r 23 dec^r 1674 was sworne & admitted a free man

served as apprentice David Sim Carpinter y^r 23^d of dec^r 1675 was sworn & admitted a freeman

served as apprentice John Haslap Carpenter y^r 29th of dec^r 1675 was admitted and sworne

gratis Richard Wamsley Baker y^r 5th of Jan^y 1675 was admitted

served app^r W^m Sharpe Carpinter y^r 13th Jan^y 1675 was admitted

pd 10 00 Alexand^r Kinge marcht y^r 13th Jan^y 1675 was admitted

Gratis Sr George Maxwell y^r 9th March was admitted

pd 100 00 James Gambell m^r 16th March was Admitted

served his Apprentiship Robert Black Blacksmith [was] admitted and sworne a ffreeman y^r 30th day of March 1676

served his apprenticeship John Cooke Mason was admitted and sworne a freeman the 6th of April 1676

served his apprenticeship W^m McCrea shoemaker was admitted and sworne a freeman of the Burrough of Belfast y^r 6th of April 1676

Gratis Capt Thomas Buckner was Admitted and sworne a free Comoner & Marchant

Stapler of the Burrough of Belfast y^r 21 April 1676

fr^a 00 100 pd Allin Corbitt merc^t was Admitted & sworne a freeman of the Burrough of Belfast the 21st day of April 1676

00 10 00 pd Thomas Martin merc^t was admitted and sworne a freeman of the Burrough of Belfast

gratis as app^r Hugh McCrea Butcher an apprentice was sworne ut supra

00 100 00 pd W^m Guthier baker was sworne a freecomoner ut supra

00 100 pd John Gleane baker was sworne a freecomoner ut supra

served his apprenticeship Francis Crumey march^t was sworne a free comoner & marcht Stapler the 28 of April 1676

- 00 10 00 Robert Atkinson blacksmith this 9th of June 1676 was admitted and sworne a free
 Comoner
 00 10 00 pd James Adaine Shoemaker admitted free 19th Oct' 1676
 00 10 00 pd John Liggatt Smith admitted 19th Oct' 1676
 app^{ts} James Ramsey n^o admitted free 2^d November 1676
 pd 00 10 00 Thomas Sloane butcher admitted y^e 2^d Nov' 1676
 00 10 00 W^e White ship carpenter admitted a freeman 21 Dec 1676
 appren^t John Redagh Joyner admitted a freeman y^e same
 gratis W^e Johnston Carpenter admitted a freeman 4th Jan'y 1676
 appren^t Andrew m^cMullen march^t admitted free 11th Jan'y 1676
 appren^t Alexander Taggart march^t admitted free y^e same day
 00 15 00 Richard Moore march^t admitted [free] free y^e 8th feby 1676
 00 10 00 John Gammell Carpenter y^e same day admitted free
 app^{ts} John Hudelston Taylor y^e same day admitted free
 app^{ts} John Bowman Mason admitted y^e same day
 00 10 00 Humphrey Kell shoemaker 15th feby 1676 admitted & Henry Thetford ingaged
 to y^e Sovereigne that he nor his family shall be any burden to y^e towne
 appren^t Thomas m^cKewan Couper was admitted y^e 21st feby 1676
 00 15 00 William Kenedy march^t was admitted y^e 1st of March 1676
 James Crighton yeoman was admitted y^e 15th March 1676
 William Bowston Taylor was admitted y^e 15th March 1676
 00 00 00 Petter Knowles march^t y^e 12th Ap^{ri} 1677 was admitted a freeman
 01 10 00 James Bodkin march^t y^e same day admitted free y^e same day
 00 12 00 [Burnett] William Burnett Chapman was admitted y^e 19th Ap^{ri} 1677
 gratis Anthony Gubb was admitted y^e 3^d May 1677
 gratis Nicholas Redworth y^e same day was admitted
 00 10 00 pd Andrew Donnell Taylor y^e same day
 00 10 00 David Dog Taylor was admitted y^e same day being 3 May 1677
 00 10 00 Robert Gibb Carpenter was admitted y^e same day
 00 10 00 John Shaw march^t was admitted y^e 21 June 1677
 app^{ts} James Martin march^t was admitted y^e same day
 app^{ts} Andrew Agnew march^t was admitted y^e same day
 00 10 00 David White march^t was admitted y^e same day
 00 10 00 Robert Holmes Mariner was admitted y^e same day
 app^{ts} William Hatfeild Glover was admitted y^e same day
 00 10 00 David Younge march^t was admitted y^e same day
 appren^t Allxand^r Mitchell march^t was admitted y^e same day
 gratis Capt Browne march^t was admitted y^e same day
 appren^t Oliver Antell march^t was [admitted] was admitted 5th July 1677
 appren^t Andrew Craford march^t was admitted y^e same day

00 15 00 George Allen Marcht was admitted y^r same day
 00 12 06 James m^cKewan Malster was admitted y^r same day
 [Thomas Whitefield] *vide* shipcarpenter y^r same day being 30th of August 1677
 00 04 00 Thomas Keming Glover being apprentice but served not his full time was admitted
 free 18th July 1677
 00 10 00 Robert Gentleman Taylor this 18th July 1677 was admitted free
 apprentice John Shearer Taylor was admitted free y^r same day
 00 10 00 Thomas Whiteside Ship Carpenter was admitted y^r 30th of August 1677
 appr Alexand^r m^cHoole Slater was admitted y^r same day
 gratis W^m Thomson Cöper was admitted y^r 13 Sep^r 1677
 00 10 00 James M^cTosh Labourer was admitted y^r same day
 00 10 00 John M^cDowell Taylor was admitted 20th Sep^r 1677
 00 10 00 Thomas Orr Smith was admitted y^r 20th Sep^r 1677
 James Miller Cooper was admitted y^r same day & his fine referred to y^r Court
 apprentice James Donson Cloyther was admitted 4th Oct^r 1677
 00 05 00 James Biggar Cutler was admitted y^r same day
 00 10 00 John Allison Weaver was admitted y^r same day
 gratis John Munteeth yeoman was admitted y^r 12th Octob^r 1677
 gratis Henry Plaskett Butcher was admitted y^r same day
 00 15 00 Thomas Burnett marcht was admitted y^r 25th Oct^r 1677
 apprentice John Williams Currier was admitted y^r 8th Nov^r 1677
 00 12 06 William Browne Mariner was admitted y^r same day
 apprentice James Mulhollan Smith was admitted y^r 29th Nov^r
 01 00 00 W^m Stewart marcht was admitted & y^r 13th Dec 1677
 00 10 00 Gabriell Portenfeild Confectioner y^r 3 Jan^y 1677
 00 10 00 John Lemon Barber was admitted y^r same day
 00 07 06 Robert Hatley Butcher was admitted y^r same day
 gratis ffancis Allen Butcher was admitted y^r same day
 gratis Capt James Handyside y^r 24 Jan^y 1677 was adm^d
 gratis L. Thomas Hill was admitted y^r same day
 appr relapd George Ogans Butcher y^r 31 of Jan^y 1677 was admitted
 appr relapd Robert Tusly Butcher y^r same day was admitted
 gratis John Logan Tinnman y^r same day was admitted
 appr William Burton Chandler y^r 14th feby 1677 was admitted
 gratis Marmaduke Newton marcht was admitted y^r same day
 apprentice James Morrow Carpenter y^r 7th March 1677 was admitted
 01 00 00 Nathaniell Shannon marcht was admitted y^r same day
 00 10 00 James Mordagh Cobler admitted y^r same day
 apprentice John Whitehead Butcher admitted y^r same day

^{00 10 00} Henry Coates Grocer y^e 21 of March 1677 was admitted
^{00 10 00} John Scott Taylor y^e same day was admitted y^e same day
^{gratis} Thomas Whitlock Butcher 11th Ap^r 1678 was admitted
^{01 00 00} Phinley m^r Teere marcht y^e same day admitted
^{00 10 00} Thomas Willon Junior Shoemaker 18th Ap^r 1678 admitted
^{admitted y^e 25th of Ap^r 1678 upon his submision} Andrew Blomfield yeoman formerly disfranchised in M^r W^m Warrings time now
^{01 00 00} Archibald Little marcht y^e 16th May 1678 admitted
^{00 10 00} James Cooke Chapman y^e same day admitted
^{gratis} Patrick Hamilton gent 27th June 1678 admitted
^{gratis} Arthur M^cCartney marcht y^e same day admitted
^{00 12 06} W^m Hunter Taylor y^e 4th July 1678 admitted
^{00 15 00} John Parke marcht y^e same day admitted
^{00 10 00} Adahm m^r Cragh Carpenter y^e same day admitted
^{00 10 00} W^m Wyely Glover y^e 18th July 1678 admitted free
^{gratis} Mansfield Tucker Chandler 18th July 1678 admitted free
^{gratis} Robert Harper gent 22^d of August 1678 admitted
^{gratis} Edward Boyle gent y^e same day admitted
^{apprentis} George M^cCartney Cooper y^e same day admitted
^{gratis} William Adaine marcht 22 August 1678 admitted
^{apprentis} Thomas Becke Taylor 5th Sept 1678 admitted
^{Gratis} Robert Clugston marcht 10th Octo^r 1678 admitted
^{appr^{is}} William Sloan marcht y^e same day admitted
^{gratis} Robert Cunningham Glover y^e same day admitted
^{gratis} Hugh M^cGill gent 17 Octo^r 1678 admitted
^{gratis} Symond Smith gent y^e same day admitted
^{apprentis} Robert Heslap weaver y^e same day admitted
^{00 10 00} James Gregg Taylor 24th Octob^r 1678 admitted
^{00 15 00} James Martin march^t y^e 17th Nov^r 1678 admitted
^{gratis} Henry Rankinyore marc^t 28 Nov^r 1678 admitted
^{00 15 00} William Younge Chandler y^e 9th Jany 1678 admitted
^{gratis} James Gutter march^t admitted y^e same day
^{00 15 00} W^m Porter march^t admitted y^e same day
^{00 10 00} George Culbert march^t admitted y^e same day
^{00 12 06} John Jowland Tanner admitted y^e same day
^{gratis} John Culbert gent y^e same day admitted
^{00 10 00} Robert Rayne Taylor y^e 23^d of Janry 1678 admitted
^{00 10 00} John Greg weaver admitted y^e same day
^{app^r} Thomas Carrett dyer admitted y^e same day
^{gratis} Capt Henry S^t George } admitted y^e 23 Janry 1678
^{gratis} Oliver S^t George Esq^r }

pd or 00 00 Robert Hamilton march' y^e 17th Ap^r 1679 admitted
 gratis Alexand^r Leird smith 8th May 1679 admitted
 gratis George Dean Cutler y^e same day admitted
 appts Robert Johnston Mason admitted y^e same day
 00 10 00 James m^oMurtree Taylor y^e 22^d May 1679 admitted
 appts Robert Hey shoemaker y^e 26 June 1679 admitted
 appts John Smith Cooper y^e same day admitted
 appts Alexand^r Wright Cooper y^e 3^d July 1679 admitted
 00 10 00 Thomas Courtney Taylor y^e 24 July 1679 admitted
 00 10 00 John Dixon Maltman y^e same day admitted
 or 00 00 Hugh Hannah Linindraper 31 July admitted
 00 10 00 Anthony fowler Butcher admitted y^e same day
 gratis Coll John Hill 21 of August 1679 admitted free
 00 10 00 John Ramsey Tobacconist y^e same day admitted
 appts Francis Heslap y^e 11th Sept^r 1679 admitted
 00 10 00 John Lemon Chandler 18th Sept^r admitted free
 00 10 00 Thomas Bell Butcher y^e same day admitted free
 00 10 00 John Arbuckells yeoman y^e 18th Sep^r 1679 admitted
 00 10 00 William Osborne Baker y^e 2^d Octob^r 1679 admitted
 gratis John Hudson Cloither y^e 16th Octob^r 1679 admitted
 gratis Thomas Logan Taylor y^e same day admitted
 gratis Robert Willson Tanner y^e same day admitted
 gratis Robert Hankinson gent admitted y^e same day
 00 15 00 Robert Millin march^t y^e 4th Decembr 1679 admitted
 00 15 00 John m^oMun march^t y^e same day admitted
 00 15 00 Robert Smith blacksmith admitted y^e same day
 gratis St. Robert Maxwell K^t & Barronett admitted y^e same day
 gratis James Callwell Esqr admitted y^e same day
 gratis Cornett Fawlett Phillips admitted y^e same day
 appts James Kennedy march^t 15th Jan^y 1679 admitted
 appts Edward Brice *marchant* y^e same day admitted
 00 10 00 Patrick Aitkin march^t admitted y^e same day
 00 12 00 Thomas m^oKee march^t admitted y^e same day
 gratis Thomas m^oCune Goldsmith y^e 22^d Jan^y 1679 admitted
 appen^t Francis fleminge Taylor 29th Jan^y 1679 admitted
 gratis William Johnston Butcher 8th July 1680 admitted
 gratis James Allen Butcher y^e same day admitted
 gratis George Fortis Bricklayer y^e same day admitted

- 00 10 00 Henry Hall dyer y^e same day admitted
 Thomas Ferguson Apothecary 15 July 1680 admitted
 William Browne march^t y^e same day admitted
 app¹⁰ David Butle march^t y^e 15th July 1680 admitted free
 gratis W^m Ramsey gunsmith y^e same day admitted
 gratis Allgernoone Ouldfeldt turner y^e same day admitted
 00 10 James Linn yeoman 6th August 1680 admitted
 00 10 Henry Hunter Cooper y^e same day admitted
 00 10 John m^cKnight yeoman y^e same day admitted
 James Browne Marriner y^e 19th of August 1680 admitted
 00 10 Daniell Diell Cuttler y^e 26th of August admitted
 00 05 John Henderson Mariner y^e same day admitted
 W^m M^cCoord Joyner y^e same day admitted
 gratis John Hutchinson gent y^e 2^d September 1680 was admitted to y^e freedom &
 gratis W^m Craford march^t was admitted y^e same day
 app¹⁰ firancis Cordiner was admitted y^e same day
 Archibald M^cClure Carpenter admitted y^e same day
 James Rosse [yc] Smith was admitted y^e same day
 William Lowden Cooper admitted y^e same day
 app¹⁰ Robert Jordan suggar baker admitted y^e same day
 app¹⁰ John Patton Butcher was admitted y^e same day
 gr 00 Archibald Todd Porter was admitted y^e [16th Sep^r 1680]
 gr 00 Thomas Wallice Porter y^e 16th Sep^r 1680 admitted
 00 10 George Moore Porter y^e same day admitted
 gratis W^m Longhead Porter y^e same day admitted
 00 10 John Barber Porter y^e 16th of Sep^r 1680 admitted
 00 10 John Thompkin Porter admitted y^e same day
 gratis Nathaniell Trimble Marriner admitted y^e same day
 gratis Francis Attkinson Weaver admitted y^e same day
 gratis Thomas M^cIlroy Carman admitted y^e same day
 app¹⁰ James Whitler bricklayer admitted y^e same day
 gratis William Cambell Tobacco Spiner admitted y^e same day
 app¹⁰ [W^m Sharper] Rowland Sharper Tanner as admitted y^e same day
 John Whitehead Tobacco Spiner was admitted y^e same day
 Jo fletcher to pay
 gratis Hugh Montgomery gent admitted y^e same day
 00 10 Samuel Wright march^t y^e 23th Sep^r 1680 admitted
 gratis James Patterson Carman admitted y^e same day
 gratis John M^cIlroy Butcher admitted y^e same day
 gratis Mathew Allexander Shoemaker admitted y^e same day
 00 10 John Tompkin Carman Junior admitted y^e same day
 gratis William Whitler Tobacco Spiner admitted y^e same day

appr ^{ts}	Moses Richardson Watchmaker y ^e same day admitted
gratis	John Torbourn Carman y ^e same day admitted
gratis	John m ^d Duffe Carman y ^e same day admitted
gratis	W ^m m ^c Creavy Carman y ^e same day admitted
gratis	James Rogeys Tobacco Spiner y ^e same day admitted
gratis	W ^m Betton Smith y ^e 23 ^d Sep ^r 1680 admitted a freeman
gratis	Andrew m ^c Gallyard Yeoman y ^e same day admitted a freeman
gratis	Henry Ramage Porter y ^e same day admitted
gratis	W ^m Neilson Porter y ^e same day admitted
gratis	James Cambell Alesteller y ^e same day admitted George M ^c Cartney Esq ^r High Sheriffe Sovereigne of y ^e Borrough of Belfast 29 th Sep ^r 1680
gratis	Roger Warring Cler. y ^e 30 th Sep ^r admitted a freeman
gratis	Shelston Theaker Cler y ^e same day admitted
appr ^{ts}	John Boyd march ^t y ^e same day admitted
appr ^{ts}	Lodavick m ^c Gowane march ^t y ^e same day admitted
appr ^{ts}	Gilduffe Gillmore Tanner y ^e same day admitted
referred to y ^e bench	Capt Edward Pottinger March ^t admitted y ^e same day
appr ^{ts}	Anthony Hall march ^t admitted y ^e same day
appr ^{ts}	John Eccles March ^t admitted y ^e same day
appr ^{ts}	George Welsh Tanner admitted y ^e same day
gratis	Quarter Master Thomas Beverley y ^e 28 th day of Apr 1681 admitted a freeman
oo 10	John Neile weaver 5 th May admitted free
appr ^{ts}	Henry Crossley Shoemaker y ^e 2 ^d June 1681 admitted
gratis	Ogan Rush Yeoman y ^e same admitted y ^e same day
appr ^{ts}	Israell Snowdon march ^t y ^e 14 th July 1681 admitted
appr ^{ts}	David Rosse march ^t y ^e 11 th August 1681 admitted
oo 09	Robert Younge march ^t y ^e same day admitted
gratis	John Lejeu Gent 18 th August 1681 admitted
oo 10	W ^m Pringle Mariner 1 st Sep ^r 1681 admitted
oo 10	W ^m Hade Chapman 8 th Sep ^r 1681 admitted
oo 10	Francis KinCade Stationer y ^e same day admitted
appr ^{ts}	George m ^c Cartney (Browne) march ^t y ^e same day adm ^t
gratis	James Calliwell bookebinder 15 th Sept admitted
appr ^{ts}	W ^m Mordagh shoemaker y ^e same day admitted
appr ^{ts}	Patrick [Lagan] Loughan Currier y ^e same day admitted
oo 08	James Griffith feltmaker y ^e same day admitted
oo 10	Charles Coates Chapman y ^e same day admitted
oo 10	W ^m Biggar march ^t y ^e same day admitted
oo 10	William Johnston March ^t y ^e 22 ^d Sep ^r 1681 admitted
oo 10	James Hife Chandler y ^e same day admitted

- 00 10 00 Thomas Lisle Taylor y^e same day admitted
 00 10 00 William Eglisham Porter y^e same day admitted
 00 10 00 Thomas Eglisham Weaver y^e same day admitted
 00 10 00 John Tedford Cooper y^e same day admitted
 00 04 06 Hugh Smale Taylor y^e same day admitted
 pd for keeping Kiles orphans
 George Moore Cooper y^e same day admitted
 22d Sept 1681. gratis for keeping his mother and sister from a burden to y^e Towne
 Thomas Hinch Shoemaker y^e same day admitted
 These quarrymen made { Thomas Law quarryman y^e same day admitted
 free to provide stones { James Minis quarryman y^e same day admitted
 to y^e common Kea { John Law quarryman y^e same day admitted
 { Robert Law quarryman y^e same day admitted
 00 04 06 Thomas Withnell Butcher y^e same day admitted
 to work at y^e Kea
 Archibald m^cCallister Labourer y^e same day admitted
 to mend ye market house
 John Churchley plasterer y^e same day admitted
 gratis
 Thomas Quin Currier y^e same day admitted
 00 04 06 John Patterson Cooper y^e 29th Sep^r admitted
 00 05 00 John Carruthers Cooper y^e same day admitted
 00 08 00 Bryan m^cGragh Tobacco Spiner y^e same day admitted
 gratis
 John Adams Aleseller y^e same day admitted
 00 08 00 George Ramsey Reedmaker y^e same day admitted
 Francis Thetford Esq^r Sovereigne of Belfast
 29th Sep^r 1681
 app^{ts}
 John Eccles Junior marchⁱ 13th October 1681 was sworne a free Comoner
 00 10 00 Francis Lowney Taylor y^e 20th Octob^r 1681 admitted
 00 10 00 Robert Storey Shoemaker y^e same day admitted
 Samuell Hill marchⁱ y^e 3^d Nov^r 1681 admitted
 app^{ts}
 Issraell Christian Shoemaker y^e same day admitted
 app^{ts}
 John Mitchell Butcher y^e 10th Nov^r admitted
 app^{ts}
 Robert florbus wheelwright or Turner y^e 17th Novemb^r admitted
 00 09 00 William Edgar Taylor y^e 17th Nov^r admitted
 app^{ts} D
 Charles M^cDowell Marchant y^e 24th Nov^r admitted
 app^{ts} D
 Samuell Smith Marchⁱ y^e 2^d of feby 1681 was admitted
 Burg de Tempore Georgii Macartney Armiger Jun^r Superioris Ejusdem Ville
 Belfast Sequentes Municipales facti sunt Ville p^{ri}dict
 1723
 Nov^r 12th
 Dead John Gregg Malster was made free Dead
 Do William Matthews Bricklayer was made free
 Hon^{ty} Freeman
 Do Colonell Robert Ferguson was made Free Dead
 Hon^{ty} Freeman
 Do George Cruming MD made Free Dead
 Hon^{ty} Freeman
 Do Capt^r Christopher Phillips made Free Dead
 Hon^{ty} Freeman
 Do Capt^r Tobias Maloy was made free Dead
 Hon^{ty} Freeman
 Do Lev^r Thomas Ford was made Free Dead
 Hon^{ty} Freeman
 Do Ensign Thomas Loyd was made Free Dead

- Hon^r Freeman
 Do Quartermaster Mich^l Phillips was made free *Dead*
 Nov^r 14th Mr William Simpson *merch^t* was sworn Freeman *Dead*
 Do Andrew Ferguson *merch^t* was sworn Freeman *Dead*
 Nov 19th Thomas Johnson was sworn Freeman Wigmaker *Dead*
 Nov 21st John Henning Cooper was sworn freeman *Dead*
 Nov 25 James Patterson Shoemaker was sworn freeman *Dead*
 Nov 26 Adam Guttery *merch^t* was sworn freeman *Dead*
 Do Gilbert M^cDowell *merch^t* was sworn freeman *Dead*
 Do *Dead* Geo Macartney *merch^t* was made free
 Do John Macartney *merch^t* was made free
 Do John Houston *merch^t* was sworn freeman
 Do William Wason *merch^t* was sworn freeman *Dead*
 Nov 27th James Cormickill Cooper sworn freeman
 Dec^r 5th The Rev^d Nicholas Thetford was made free *Dead*
 Do Mr William Thetford *merch^t* was made free *Dead*
 Do Mr Arthur Thetford *merch^t* was made free *Dead*
 Febry 29th Thomas Gulliland Butcher was made free *Dead*
 Do William Carson Bricklayer was made free *Dead*
 Do Robert Barry perriwigmaker was sworn Free
 1723 March 17th John Gordon taylor was made free
 Do Alexander Walker was made Free *Dead*
 1724 March 31st Thomas Hunter upholder was made Free *Dead*
 May 17th 1724 Gratts
 Arthur Clark Carpenter was sworn free
 May 21st 1724
 Ordered then that James Foreman appear at next court to be held for this
 Burrough and shew cause why he shall not be Disfranchized
 Persons made free Nath^l Byrt Esq^r Sov^r
 [9th y^r 5th 1724 W^m Osborne made free & sworn]
 [x^{br} 30 W^m Crawford Cordwinder free & sworn]
 Nath: Byrt Esq^r Sov^r Freemen made in his time
 1724 9^{ber} 5th *Dead* W^m Osburn *butcher* made free and sworn
 xbr 30th *Dead* W^m Craford Cordinder free & sworn
 1724 1/2
 Jan^y 13 *Dead* James Boyd Taylor free & sworn
 — 15 *D^d* John Ferguson Cooper free & sworn
 — 18 *D^d* David m^cCall Taylor free & sworn
 — 20 *D^d* W^m Carmichell Cooper free & sworn
 25 — John Gregg Jun^r [mth] *shopkeeper* free and sworn
D^d John Carnahan [mth] *shopkeeper* free & sworn
D^d Alex Gilmore [mth] *shopkeeper* free & sworn
D^d Sam^l Curry [mth] *shopkeeper* free & sworn
D^d Rob^t Bole vintner free & sworn

- 20 *D*⁴ James Smith weaver free & sworn
*D*⁴ W^m Hamilton Cooper free & sworn
*D*⁴ John m^cKibbin Cooper free & sworn
 — Charles Hamilton Cooper free & sworn
 february 24 *D*⁴ Alexand, Mayors Taylor & Impolster free and sworn
 4th *D*⁴ James Potter shopkeeper free & sworn
 5 *D*⁴ Math Plomer staymaker free & sworn
 — James Davison Taylor free & sworn
 11 *D*⁴ John Osburn Baker free & sworn
*D*⁴ John Glen Malster free & sworn
 14 *D*⁴ Pat Gibson baker free & sworn
 23 Rob^t Tonragh shumaker free & sworn
 1724/5 March 22^d Leonard Kendal free & sworn *D*⁴
 1725 July 31 Gawn Gray Hukster free & sworn fees p^d Ed Hall *D*⁴
 John Edgar Smith free & sworn
 Aug¹ 5th Moses Cherry Doctor free & sworn *D*⁴
 Robert Snell Doctor free & sworn *D*⁴
 Burrough { Persons admitted and sworn free Comon^{rs} of
 of Belfast { s^d Burrough before James Macartney Esq^r
 { Sov^{ns} for The Year 1725/6
 Tickett James Chalmers Merch^t *D*⁴
 David Lyons Yeo^s Sworn in Curia *dead*
 30th Sep^r Henry M^cFaddan Perrywigmaker *Dead* sworn in Curia
 14th Oct^r 1725 Sam^l M^cKelvy Aleseller sworn free *D*⁴ in Curia
 Do 21 Francis Crome Merch^t *D*⁴ Ticket
 Do Die Anthony Thetford Merch^t *D*⁴ Ticket
 1725 Novemb^r 12th William Easlake Joyner & Puly Maker *D*⁴ sworn in Curia
 Dec^r 11 Hugh Coghnan Taylor sworn Freeman *D*⁴
 Dec^r 13 J^m M^cCreery Taylor sworn Freeman
 Dec^r 18 George Boyd Merc^t sworn free *D*⁴
 Do 22 James Gallery Carpenter *D*⁴
 Do 31st John Doule Carman sworn free *D*⁴
 March 1 Hugh M^cCaal Taylor sworn free
 Do 22 M^r J^m Sharp sworn a free Merch^t *D*⁴
 Do Die M^r Adam M^cKibbin sworn *D*⁴ a free Merch^t
 Do Die M^r Ed^d Mitchel sworn a free Merch^t
 28 Martii 1726 Tho^s Agnew Slater sworn free *D*⁴
 31 Martii 1726 Henry Varnett Taylor
 Do John Herron Shoemaker sworn free *D*⁴
 April 1st Joseph Hughs Merch^t sworn free *D*⁴
 — John M^cKall Aleseller sworn free *D*⁴ or Malster

- James Macartney Butcher sworn free *D*⁴
 — John Hughes of Carnony farmer sworn free
 — Thomas Beaty Inkeep' sworn free *D*⁴
 April 6th 1726 William Bigger Carpenter sworn free
 John Farquhar sworn free *D*⁴
 April 8th 1726 James Hughes farmer sworn free *Dead*
 9th April 1726 John Coleman Merch' sworn free *D*⁴
 James Whitlock Peruck maker sworn free *D*⁴
 John Jackson Butcher *D*⁴
 Bur de 1 Persons sworn & admitted free Comoners of s^t Burrough before John
 Belfast J Clugston Esq^t Sovereign for the year 1726
 George Paterson taylor
 2 July 1726 George Hunter Wigm' sworn free app^t to Henry East *D*⁴
 Aug. 6 [James] Rob^t Watt Merch' sworn free *D*⁴
 Charles Burn Cooper sworn free *D*⁴
 Will^m English Carpenter sworn free *D*⁴
 11th Aug¹ Thomas Gelston Soapboyler sworn free *D*¹
 25 Aug¹ James Montgomery Mariner sworn free *D*⁴
 Joseph Carswell Mariner sworn free *D*⁴
 30 Aug¹ Alex^t Orr Merch' sworn free *D*⁴
 1726 July Rob^t Coffin smith sworn free *D*⁴
 Joseph Hall wellfounder sworn free *D*⁴
 Gilbert Mullygan gunsmith sworn free *D*⁴
 1726 16 Sep^r John fursythe smith sworn free *D*⁴
 13 Oct^r William Burt Slater sworn free *D*⁴
 Bryan Lenard Slater sworn free *D*⁴
 Decem^r James Boyd Carman sworn free *D*⁴
 feby 4th William M^cCrea Weaver sworn free Gratis for ret^t a List of florreigners *Dead*
 March 3d John Atkinson of Drogheda Tanner sworn free
 1727 April 27 David Stevenson Carman sworn Free *D*⁴
 Thomas Collyer Esq^r Got a Tickett *D*⁴
 Nathaniell Morrison sworn *D*⁴ Free
 Daniel Kenan sworn free *D*⁴
 Alex^t Moorehead sworn free *D*⁴
 James Murdoch sworn free Cooper *D*⁴
 Robert Wier Carman sworn free *D*⁴
 15th die Maij 1727^o
 { Benjamin Legge Merchant Admitted free *D*⁴
 Tickets { John Stewart Merchant Admitted free *D*⁴
 { Samuel Allen Merch' sworn free *D*⁴
 { James Young Merch' sworn free *D*⁴
 29th die Julij 1727 Hugh M^cQuoid Gunsmith sworn free *D*⁴
 William Browne was sworn free *D*⁴
 Hugh Spence Taylor was sworn free
 7th August 1727 Robert Montgomery Merch' got a tickett not sworn *D*⁴
 James Duggan Butcher sworn free *D*⁴
 26th Aug¹ 1727 Robert Bruce Barber sworn free *D*⁴
 31st Aug¹ 1727 John Smith Merch' got a Tickett *D*⁴
 Andrew Smith Merch' got a tickett
 4th August 1727 William Townsend Tanner sworn free *D*⁴
 5th August 1727 Enoch Ball Nailor sworn free *D*⁴
 15th [Aug] Sept 1727
 Timothy Russell made free }
 D⁴ James Russell made free } both living at Hollywood
 D⁴ 21st September 1727 Charles Walsh Cooper sworn Free *D*⁴

- Robert Gaskin ale-seller sworn free
 Hugh Lowry Cooper sworn free *D^d*
 Alex^r M'Reeny Cooper sworn free *D^d*
 22^d September 1727 John Flemming an apprentice to James Magee Carpenter
 This day was sworn free *D^d*
 18th Jan'y 1727 Henry Hamilton Chapman sworn free *D^d*
 29th Feb'y 1727 John Peart Butcher was sworn free *D^d*
 7th March 1727 William McDowell Fidler was sworn free *D^d*
 21st March 1727 William Munford Blacksmith sworn free *D^d*
 John Ratliff [Linen mar] Cloath^r sworn free *D^d*
 23 March 1727 John Newman Perukinaker sworn free *D^d*
 28th March 1728 Joseph Dingley Taylor sworn free *D^d*
 24th April 1728 James Gordon Taylor sworn free gratis *D^d* recommended by
 Gen^l Price
 gratis *D^d*
 James Adams [farmer] mariner [Ballymack] Nock m^o garry
 gratis
 Alexander Frissall Carman
 William Kirk sadler sworn free *D^d*
D^d
 July 16 1728 Samuell Flemin of Hollywood sworn free gratis
D^d
 James Heuston Carman sworn free
D^d
 John Cudbert Merchant sworn free
 The 19th July 1728 Robert Lindsay Farmer sworn Free
 Samuel Martin Farmer Got a Tickett
 John Lindsay Farmer got Ditto
 25th July 1728 John Dayly Butcher sworn free *D^d*
 27 Aug^r 1728 John M^o Munn Soap Boiler sworn free
 2^d September 1728 Mathew Craford Hucksster sworn free *D^d*
 Robert M^o Alexander Weaver sworn free
 6th September 1728 John Sloan Apprentice to Tinn: Sheilds Baker this day was
 sworn free
 25th September 1728 M^o Nathan Smith Merch^t got a Tickett *D^d*
 Robert Black Shoemaker sworn free *D^d*
 26th Jacob Lyon sworn free *farmer*
 Hugh Gibson Glassier sworn free *D^d*
 James Arbuckle Jun^r merch^t Got a Tickett *D^d*
 W^o Chalmers merch^t got *D^d* *D^d*
 Hugh Petygrew farmer made free *D^d*
 James Armstrong Linendraper *D^d*
 Michael Whitlock Peruckmaker *D^d*
 Hugh Beggs shoemaker *D^d*
 Hugh M^o Kitterick shoemaker *D^d*
 4th [Marc] April 1728
 Robert Smith Marchant sworn free *D^d*
 William Rogers sworn free *D^d*
 W^o Herron sworn free *D^d*
D^d
 28th September 1728 { Martin Worthington *D^d* }
 { Bruen Worthington *D^d* } Butchers
 { W^o Worthington *D^d* }
D^d
 Hugh Young Merch^t *D^d*
D^d
 Joseph Simpson Merch^t *D^d*
 Hugh Andrew Merch^t *D^d*
 Hans Hutchinson farmer *D^d*
 Archibald Hamilton Ballymechen *D^d*
 John Craford *D^d* } farmers
 James Craford *D^d* }
 Robert Magee *D^d* } farmers
 John Kerr *D^d* }
 Thomas Curry Hollywood *D^d*
 John Isaac Esq^r *D^d*
 James Dunlap Hollywood
D^d
 W^o Stafford marriner *D^d*
D^d
 John Cunningham Carman *D^d*

- ^{p^d} W^m McIlroy Huckster *D^d*
^{pⁱ} Thomas fife Carpenter
^{p^d} Robert M'Dowell farmer *D^d*
^{p^d} Robert Henderson Watchmaker
^{p^d} Paul Crutchley Currier *D^d*
^{p^d} W^m Maxwell Chapman
^{p^d} [John Lewis carpenter]
^{p^d} 28th Sep^r 1728 { John Glover Backer sworn free *D^d*
 { Victor Touram Peruckmaker sworn free *D^d*
 { Alex^r Dunlap Peruckmaker sworn free *D^d*
 Alex^r Stewart March^r *D^d*
 James Hamilton Gen^t
 Richard Joy Chanler
 John Jervis Carpenter *D^d*
 John Culbert March^r *D^d*
 Arthur Gear Gen^t *D^d*
 Moses Kinkead
 Bryan O'Hamill sworn free *D^d*
 John Kinkead
 Thomas Banks Esq^r Sov^r 17 October 1728
 Will^m Miller Shoemaker sworn free in Court
 1728 Jan^y 23 Henry Hart of The City of Derry Merch^t sworn free *Dead*
 [John Shanin] George Ewart of The same Merchant sworn free *Dead*
 John Shannon Taylor sworn free
^{D^d} 6 february 1728 Henry Charley } Bakers sworn free
^{D^d} John M'Meken }
^{D^d} 28 Aug^r 1729 Kelso of Lisburn Merch^t sworn free
 11th Septem^r 1729 Neal Patten and } Bakers sworn free
 W^m Johnston }
 John Knox Watchmaker sworn free *D^d*
 Andrew Morton Shoem^r sworn free
^{D^d} Abell Bullock smith sworn free
 Sam^l M^oWha Taylor
 Andrew Joy Mason
^{D^d} 25th Sept^r 1729 James M^oQuay Chanler apprentice to Mr Ar: Thetford
 sworn free
^{D^d} John Semple malemonger sworn free
^{D^d} George Long Gardner
^{D^d} Charles Willson Gardner
^{D^d} John Charley
^{D^d} Robert Caulfield shoemaker
^{D^d} Hugh Martin yeoman
^{D^d} W^m Montgomery of Whitehouse Marcht
^{D^d} Hugh Anderson Innkeeper being Sov^r Clke Sworn gratis
 Thomas Anderson Sov^r servant sworn gratis
 John Duff Esq^r Sov^r 24th November 1729
^{D^d} Daniel M^oCalister farmer sworn free
^{D^d} James Smith Merch^t } sworn free Gratis
^{D^d} Alex^r Stewart Merch^t }

- ^{D^a} 17 10th 1729 William Seeds Merch' sworn free
^{D^a} Henry Donlevy free Got a Tickett Gratis
^{D^a} William Robinson Nealsman sworn free
^{D^a} January 1st 1729 Robert Blackwood Esq^r sworne free Gratis
^{D^a} William M^cElrath shopkeeper
^{D^a} March 5th 1729 James West Taylor from Cumber sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} April 28th 1730 Thomas Ritchey Shoemaker sworn free
^{D^a} Hugh Magee porter sworn free
^{D^a} 1730 June 18th John Miller shoemaker sworn free
^{D^a} Robert Corbitt shoemaker sworn free
^{D^a} 1730 June 19th William a Diddell Varn Merch' son to adam a Diddell of The falls sworn free gratis
^{D^a} June 20th James Sinklair Taylor Son to Rob^t Sinklair sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} June 25th 1730 John Boyd Merch' Got a Tickett Gratis
^{D^a} 1st July 1730 John Taylor shoemaker sworn free
^{D^a} 23 July 1730 John Sutherwaite Merch' Gott a Tickett Dead
^{D^a} William Mankin Silver smith Gott a Tickett
^{D^a} Allen M^cQuerg Merch' sworn free July 25th 1730 & got a Tickett
^{D^a} 30 July 1730 Thomas Smallshaw Blockmaker sworn free
^{D^a} 31 August 1730 Robert Murray of The City of Dublin Taylor got a Tickett Gratis
^{D^a} Thomas Arnold near Drumore gent D^r Gratis
^{D^a} 5th August 1730 Andrew Campbell Shoemaker sworn free
^{D^a} George Ross of Castle Lyons Gent Gott a Tickett Gratis
^{D^a} Charles Young Merchant Gott a Tickett
^{D^a} Samuel Catherwood Merchant gott a Tickett
^{D^a} Robert Alexander and { Sworn free
^{D^a} John Smith Ferriknakers {
^{D^a} 19 Aug^r 1730 Patrick Boyd aleseller sworn free
^{D^a} John Shaw Coach Wheel & Carriage Maker Sworn free
^{D^a} 20th Aug 1730 John Brown Chapman Sworn free
^{D^a} 25 August 1730 James Boyd Blacksmith sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} Richard Hoskins Blacksmith sworn free 26 Aug 1730
^{D^a} 27 Aug 1730 John Black Shoemaker sworn free
^{D^a} 31st John Koldger sworn free Varn Merch'
^{D^a} 14 September 1730 Robert Helms (Wat) of the City of Dublin Watchmaker Gott a Tickett Gratis
^{D^a} John Jelly of Lisbarnett in Com Down Taylor sworn free
^{D^a} John Elliot sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} 17 George Wealls Chapman sworn free
^{D^a} Do Hans Hamilton of the County of Downe Shoemaker sworn free
^{D^a} Do John Clark Patten Maker sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} Do George Yoffghan Esq^r of the County Donegal got a Tickett Gratis
^{D^a} 19 Sep^r 1730 John Hurd servant to M^c Collier sworn free
^{D^a} Patrick Kean Servant sworn free } Gratis
^{D^a} Pierce Berry Labourer sworn free }
^{D^a} 22 Jo^s Shannon Taylor sworn free
^{D^a} Do Francis Betty Cooper sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} Valentine Thetford Cooper sworn free gratis
^{D^a} 23rd 1730 Robert Boyd shoemaker sworn free gratis
^{D^a} 25th 1730 John White Carman sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} John Dornan Serv^t to M^c Isaac M^cCartney sworn free gratis
^{D^a} Owen O'Kennaan Serv^t to the (112) sworn free gratis
^{D^a} 26th Sep^r 1730 William Clegiton apprentice with Henry Duncan apothecary Got a Tickett Gratis
^{D^a} Arthur M^cCann Baker sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} W^m Nutt Hatter sworn free
^{D^a} Robert Doogan Taylor sworn free
^{D^a} 28th 7th 1730 Dennis Kinnan Carman sworn free
^{D^a} William Mankin gent got a Tickett Gratis
^{D^a} George Magee at Milewater sworn free
^{D^a} John Riggs Carman sworn free
^{D^a} Edward Ran Labourer sworn free Gratis
^{D^a} Robert Neill appⁿtice with James Watt made free gratis
^{D^a} On the 15th of September 1730 The Sov^{ty} and Burgesses Did wait on The Right Hon^{ble} Francis Lord Conway Baron of Rasley in England of Killistagh in Ireland Lord Liev^t & Custos Rotulorum of the County Lord Liev^t and Governor of the Town and County of the Town of Carrickfergus & presented him his Tickett
^{D^a} 28th 1730 Richard Coleman Varn Merch^t sworn free

- Dd* Hugh Reilly Clerk to Jn^e Arnold Att^y
Dd Alexander Thomas Clerk to Collyer & Comp^y } Got Tickets gratis
Dd William Teat Taylor sworn free } 28th S^m 1730

Dd Robert Forsyth of The flails }
Dd Edward Forsyth of The same } Sworn free
Dd John Stevenson of The same }
Dd William Forbes Wheelwright sworn free Gratis
Dd William Blain Huster sworn free
Dd Bryan O'Hanlan Cutler sworn free
Dd Arthur Byrt Esq^r sworn Sov^{rn} the 28th September 1730 The undernamed persons made free by him
18th February 1730 William Pettygreave Taylor sworn free Gratis
15th Ditto 1730
Dd Hugh Beatty Taylor sworn Free Gratis
30 August 1731
Dd Jno M^cClean Taylor sworn free Gratis
Dd William M^cClery Baker sworn free
Dd James Granger Baker sworn free
Dd James M^cDonnell Bricklayer sworn free Gratis
Dd Thomas Kirkpatrick Smith sworn free
Dd W^m Hutchison Shopkeeper sworn free
31st Do *Dd* John Barkley Do sworn free
Str 6 *Dd* W^m Kenedy Cooper Sworn free Gratis
George Anslie Skinner sworn free Gratis
9th *Dd* Rob^t Dickey Cord winer sworn free Gratis AP
15th *Dd* John Potts bookseller sworn free
17th Thomas Coulter Taylor sworn free Gratis A.P.
20th John Boyle Weaver sworn free Gratis
Dd John M^cKeale Taylor sworn free
Dd James Boyce M^r free p tickett
Dd Joseph Moorhead Carryer sworn free &
Dd James Young Merch^t free p tickett
Dd Alex^r M^cAllister Carryer sworn free gratis
1731 Sep^r 25th Robert Aldridge Staymaker sworn free
John Gabby Taylor sworn free A.P.
27th Andrew M^cClery Taylor sworn free
Dd George M^cCuary Mason sworn free Gratis
Dd 28th Neill M^cLaughlin Cooper sworn free Gratis AP
Dd Robert Anderson merch^t free p tickett
Dd John Burleigh merch^t free p tickett
Dd John Wilson Blacksmith sworn free Gra A.P.
Dd Robert Thompson Cooper sworn free Gratis A.P.
Dd John Hackett Blacksmith sworn free Gratis
Dd Francis Hamilton Merch^t free per tickett
Dd John M^cCraight apothecary free per tickett
Dd Patrick Agnew Merch^t free per tickett
Dd William Shannon Merch^t free per tickett
Dd John Pettygreave Merch^t free per tickett
Dd John Wilson Merch^t free per tickett
1733 Sep^r 27 *Dd* John James Fivey Merch^t free per tickett
Dd James Clark Merch^t free per tickett
Dd Hugh Kennedy Esq^r free per tickett
Arthur Kennedy [merch^t] free per tickett
James Hamilton gentleman free per tickett
James Fivey Merch^t free per tickett



- D^d* Daniel OGillen free per ticket
- D^d* William Walker Marriner free per ticket
- D^d* Samuel Kirkpatrick Sney Maker sworn free Gratis
Robert Byrrt Esq^r sworn Sov^a 29 Sep^r 1733
The undernamed persons made free by him
- 11 of Oct 1733
Robert Gordon by Ticket *D^d* gratis
William Royd Esq^r by Ticket *Dead* gratis
Margetson Saunders Esq^r sworn Sovereign
29 Sep^r 1735
- 1736 July 27
D^d Benjamin Boyd sworn freeman *D^d*
William M^cClueny sworn free
- Sep^r 8
Charles Kennedy Cutler sworn free
- 1737 Aug 25
Hugh M^cKelvey sworn free (gratis)
Arch^d Wisely of Bangor free gratis
- Dead* M^r Nath^l Byrrt of Carrick^l free per ticket (gratis)
Hugh M^cKelvey of Laim free — gratis
- Dead* Jas Ross Esq^r Portivoe free per ticket gratis
Phillip Coats of the Falls free per oath gratis
M^r Val Jones Jun^r free per ticket gratis
- Dead* M^r Jo^a Bennet Cooper per ticket free gratis
- D* W^m Hardy Farmer in the Falls sworn free
- Dead* John Paterson Ship ma^r of Erwin free per oath gratis
- D^d* Elias ODille of the Falls of Belfast made free & sworn
- Dead* Jas Nocher of Belfast Coal Porter sworn free Gratis
William Kennedy of Knocknagony Farmer sworn free
- D^d* Thomas Stevenson of the Falls of Belfast sworn free
- Dead* James Sommerill porter in town sworn free
- Dead* Hugh Magee porter in town sworn free
Henry Tisdall son of the rev^d D^r William Tisdall free per Ticket Gratis
Rob^t Magee Cooper Belfast sworn free *Dead* Gratis
- D^d* Tho^a Cahan Cooper Belfast sworn free Gratis
- D^d* John Fisher porter sworn free gratis
Rob^t Byrrt Esq^r Sov^a in the year 1739 the
following persons made free
- 7 Feb^r 1739
John Armstrong Merch^l by Tickett the first English Tickett *Dead*
Persons Made Free by John Duff Sov^a 29
Sept^r 1742
John M^cClure Carman made free
John Fisher Sadler made free
Persons made free by Rob^t Byrrt Sov^a 30^a
Nov 1742
John Downey made free *D*
- 4th Decem^r 1742
Petter Nuby made free *D*
- 1743 June 13th
Henry Blair of Belfast marchant made Free
Persons made free by Arthur Byrrt Sovereign
- 1744 2th June *D^d*
Samuel Carson made free *dead* per tickett gratis
Arthur Byrrt Esq^r Sovereign 29th Sep^r 1745
- 1746 Sep^r
John Cartwright of Malone farmer & his two sons

- 746 2nd 18th
John Shaw & W^m Shaw Tanners per D^r gratis
W^m Stewart wigmaker sworn free gratis *dead*
- 24
Robt M'Dowell Baker sworn free gratis *Dead*
Hugh Martin Ditto sworn free gratis *Dead*
Tho Shields Cooper sworn free Gratis
John Cartwright of Malone farmer free gratis
W^m Cartwright son to Do free gratis
Tho^s Cartwright son to Do free gratis
John Evans of the Parish of Carnoney sworn free gratis
Andrew M^cFarran Taylor sworn free gratis
- 27^a
James M^cWatters Vintner sworn free gratis
- D^a
Allex^t Thompson Malster free per ticket gratis
W^m Polluck shoemaker free per ticket gratis
John Duff Esq^r sworn Sovereign the 29th Sep^r 1746 the undernamed persons made free by him
Patrick Hoy Baker made free D^r
xth 23^d 1746
Augst 3^d 1747 Jo^s Minis made free of y^e Long Lane sworn this day *dead*
M^c Gilbert Orr Merchant made free Augst 5th 1747 Gratis D^r
Andrew Davison of Tullinagee made free Gratis & took y^e oath Augst 8th 1747
James Henry of Skegnewd made free Gratis & took y^e oath Sep^r 22^d 1747 D^r
Eccles Woods of the Falls made free Gratis Sep^r 24 1747 D^r
W^m Allen of Mile Water Gardiner made free gratis & took y^e oath Sep^r 26th 1747 D^r
Margetson Saunders Esq^r Sov^{rn} from 29th Sep^r 1747 to 29th 7th 1748
- gratis
Brice Blair Baker in Newtown Served his apprenticeship here sworn free
- gratis D^a
Thomas Bagley Merchant
William Harrison son to Jo^s Harrison in New^{er} Merch^t made free by ticket
James Pinkerton of Belfast Baker served his apprenticeship to his father David Pinkerton sworn free
- 1748 Sep^r 26
W^m Coats of the Falls & Townland of Ballymurchy sworn free
- 27 D^a
James M^cDougall of Belfast Merch^t sworn free
- 27
W^m Stewart Dealer in North Street sworn free gratis
- 28
Robt Scott taylor served his time in town sworn free gratis
John Harrison son to Jo^s Harrison of Newtown sworn free gratis
Burrough } At a Court of Assembly held in the Town Hall of Belfast the 5th March
Belfast } 1752 before Arthur Byrri Esq^r Sov^{rn} of said Burrough the following
persons were admitted & sworn freemen of said Burrough
James Archbald Merch^t D^r
James Pickin Staymaker
Burrough of } At a Court of Assembly held ———
Belfast }
Arthur Byrri Esq^r Sovereign
- 1752 May 22
Michael O'Kenan of Skigin Earle free
- D^a
Robert Harrison Attorney sworn free gratis
- (Aug 4) July 30
Kipby Dobbin *Dead* of Dunean Per Ticket
John Dobbin of D^a Per Ticket
- Sep 14 D^a
Richard Tootell of Belfast *Dead* sworn free
- D^a
Francis Graham of Belfast Innkeeper sworn free
- D^a
John M^cKerly of Belfast Taylor & Desler Sworn free
- D^a
Charles Macartney Taylor Sworn free
- D^a
James Carson Taylor Sworn free
- D^a
Patrick Garret Taylor sworn free

D^d Daniel M'Lain of Strandmillis Brickmaker Sworn free

D^d 21 James Bashford Carpenter Sworn free

D^d John Brooks Glassier sworn free
John Gibson Taylor

21 Robert Gibson Taylor Sworn free *D^d*

D^d Nich Graham Taylor sworn free

D^d Tho^r Orr of Newtown wheel wright sworn free
Margetson Saunders Esq^r Sov^r

At an assembly the 21st Sep^r 1752 the freedom of this Corporation was ordered to the R^t Hon^{ble} Lord George Saville *Principal Secretary of State* To the right Hon^{ble} John Ponsonby Esq^r The Hon^{ble} W^m Bristow Esq^r the hon^{ble} Henry Cavendish Esq^r the hon^{ble} William Champneys Esq^r the hon^{ble} Frederick Frankland Esq^r & the hon^{ble} John Bourke Esq^r Commissioners of the Revenue of Ireland & to the Hon^{ble} Richard Ponsonby Esq^r their Secretary as a mark of our esteem & affection for them & Hill Wilson Esq^r Coll^r of this Port was requested to present them

Ent^d by Will Byrt^r T.C.

Margetson Saunders Sov^r

At an Assembly the 23rd Aug 1753

M^r Bastiaen Molewater merch^r In Rotterdam

The Rev^d J^{as} Saurin Vicar of Belfast

John Balaguier Esq^r a Captain in [General] Coll^r Poles Regim^t of foot [*Dead*] & Arthur Saunders of Trinity College were admitted as freemen by tickets

Margetson Saunders Sov^r

20th Sep^r 1753 at an assembly the following persons were admitted as freemen by tickets

James Crawford merchant *D^d*

Robert Crawford of Liverpool merchant

William Brown of Dublin Merchant

James Brown of y^e same Merch^r

M Saunders Sov^r

20th Sep^r 1753 Fell of Filafowder merch^r made free by Ticket } p^d for it

10 Jan^y 1754

Jos^{ph} Mathews merch^r In town made free by Ticket gratis

1754 10th Jan^y 1754

Lewis Jones Attorney in town made free by ticket gratis

1754 May 2

Jos^{ph} Bruen Taylor sworn free *D^d*

July 20th *D^d*

[John] W^m Richardson Esq^r free by ticket *D^d*

Benjamin Burton of Burtonhall Esq^r free by ticket

D^d

John Arnold Jun^r Gent Attorney in the Burrough court free by ticket

Sept 12 *D^d*

W^m Merryman serv^t to M^r W^m Wilson merch^r in town sworn free gratis

D^d

Thomas Saunders merch^r Son to y^e Sov^r by ticket

John Dorman mealmonger J.P. Belfast sworn free

James Blair In Newtown Esq^r by ticket gratis

At an Assembly the 18th Nov^r 1754

M^r John Meathers Merch^r in Belfast gratis

M^r James Lewis Merch^r in Belfast

do *Dead*

D^d

M^r Moses Meathers Carpenter in Belfast do *Dead*

M^r John B Bradshaw Merch^r in Belfast do *Dead*

M^r Rob^t Joy Printer in Belfast do *Dead*

D^d

Berckley McCleney Farmer in the Falls *Dead*

admitted as Freemen by

Stewart Banks Sov^r

D^d

At an Assembly 19th June 1755

M^r Tho^s Sinclair of Belfast Linendraper

Dead

Burrough M^r John Sinclair of the same Linendraper were admitted Freemen of this

Burrough

Stewart Banks Sov^r

17th July 1756 Persons admitted to the freedom of the Burrough of Belfast by George Macartney Esq^r Sovereign

D^d The Right Hon^{ble} Clotworthy Earl of Massereene by Tickett & sworn
D^d The Right Hon^{ble} Alex^r Earl of Antrim ^{sworn}
D^d William Macartney Merch^t George Macartney & Joseph Macartney Sons of the Geo Macartney Sov^r

Sov^r sworn 1758 Persons admitted to the Freedom of the Borough of Belfast by Stewart Banks Esq^r Sov^r

Banks Esq^r Sov^r
M^r W^m Greg Jun^r Merch^t in Belfast *D^r*
M^r John Greg Jun^r Do *D^r*
M^r W^m Stewart Do
 28 Sept 1758 Stewart Banks Sov^r

W^m Bodle servant to the Sov^r? *D^r*

Jas McDonald & } Sons of the Serg^t *D^r*

John McDonald } *Dead*

Hugh Moneypenny } Sons of the Serg^t *D^r*

W^m Moneypenny } Sons of the Serg^t

[George Lindsay of the Hill]

Tho^s Banks } Sons of the Sov^r

Rob^t Banks } *Dead*

W^m Atholl smith sworn free *D^d*

John McDonald mason Do *D^d*

W^m Johnston Barber Do *D^d*

Nath^l Bodle of the Falls Do

Persons admitted & sworn Freemen of the Borough of Belfast 27 Sep^r 1760
 Stephen Haven Esq^r Sovereign

William Gordon } *Dead*

John Alexander } *dead*

Charles Cunningham } *Dead*

W^m Wilson } *Dead*

Arthur Bunlin } *Dead*

Will^m Arthurs } *Dead*

John Campbell } *Dead*

Sam^l Matthea Jun^r } *D^r*

Jasper Curry } *D^r*

John Galt Smith } *D^r*

Will^m Haven } *D^r*

son to y^e Sovereign

Nathan Armstrong } both of Belfast Carpenters *D^r*

Rob^t Miller } both of Belfast Merch^t

Henry Kirkpatrick } *D^r*

Sam^l Stewart } *D^r*

Stephen Haven Jun^r } son to ye Sovereign *D^d*

Nath^l Wilson } all of Belfast Merch^t by Tickett

Stephen Wilson } Grandsons to y^e Sovereign *D^r*

David Henderson } *D^d* of Belfast Merch^t

Noah McClane } *D^d* of Belfast Barber

John Dunlop } *D^d* of Belfast Butcher

Timothy Burns of Belfast Vintner *Dead*

Geo Ferguson of Belfast Merch^t *D^d*

John Ferguson } *D^d* of Belfast Merch^t by Tickett

Persons admitted & sworn Freemen of the Borough of Belfast 27th Sept 1760

Stephen Haven Esq^r Sovereign

James Burns } *D^d*

Arthur Goffigan } *D^d*

William Keas } *D^d*

James Morland } *D^d*

Sloan Ograms } *D^d*

James McCreary } Disfranchised

Persons admitted & sworn Freemen of the Borough of Belfast 12th Nov^r 1761 by

Stewart Banks Esq^r Sov^r

M^r George Black of Belfast Merch^t

M^r Tho^s Black of Belfast Merch^t

M^r Sam^l Black of Belfast Merch^t *D^r*

M^r Sam^l Scott of the same Malster *D^r*

M^r Jn^s M^r Kelly of the same Distiller *D^r*

M^r John Vaght of the same Merch^t *D^d*

M^r Michael Spruson of the same Painter *Dead*
 M^r James Gety of the same Merchant *D^d*
 George Murray of the same Weaver *Dead*

Stewart Banks Sov^r

On the 1 July 1762 Willes Earl of Hillsborough was admitted a Freeman of this Borough of Belfast by Stewart Banks Sov^r *Dead Oct 7 1763*

On the 24 Sept 1762 W^m Stirling of the Falls Farmer *D^d* & J^s Stirling of the Falls Farmer were admitted & sworn Free Men of the Borough of Belfast and Elected Serg^t at Mace June 25 1777

Stewart Banks Sov^r

On the 16 Sep^r 1762 M^r Sam^l Hyde Merch^t was admitted & sworn a Free man of the Borough of Belfast

Stewart Banks Sov^r

On the 4 Sep^r 1766 John Patterson servant to the Sovereign was admitted a Free man of the Borough of Belfast

Stewart Banks Sov^rPersons admitted Freemen of the Borough of Belfast Dec^r 24 1767Rob^t Apsley of Belfast Surgeon sworn

Henry Fortescue Postmaster

Jⁿ Dunbar Att^r *D^d*Lieut Tho^s Saunders made free in 1753 sworn this day

Lieut Jisica Adair

Rev^d W^m Tisdall *dead*Dec^r 24 1767 W^m Seed of Belfast Merch^t swornJ^s Armstrong *D^d* Butchers swornTho^s Neilson *D^d* Butchers swornJohn Rogers Butcher sworn this 27th Sep^r 176826 Sep^r 1771

Geo Macartney Sov

Adam Coats of the Falls sworn free *dead*John Coats of the Falls do *dead*Duke Whiteside of the Falls do *D^d*Tho^s Teat of the Falls do *D^d*James [W^m] Teat of do *D^d*James Woods of do *D^d*Whiteside Woods of do *D^d*Hill Woods of do *D^d*John Woods of do *D^d*Mich^l Woods of do *D^d*W^m Kirker of do *dead*W^m Kirkwood of do *dead*W^m Kirkwood Jun^r of do *D^d*W^m Salters of do *dead*Fra^s Sergison of do *D^d*Nevin Williamson of do *dead*Jam^s Williamson of do *D^d*St John Main of do *dead*Jam Martin of do *dead*W^m McFarling of do *D^d*Alex^r Patterson of do *D^d*George Roberts of do *D^d*Jam^s Lowry of do *D^d*Philip Dennis of do *D^d*W^m Coats of do *D^d*John Coats of do *D^d*Whites^d Coats of do *D^d*Chas Logan of do *D^d*Henry Gibson of do *dead*Alex^r Boyd of do *D^d*The above persons sworn free by me Stewart Banks Sov^r27 Sept 1771 Tho^s Liddle son to Sargent Bodle admitted free

John Radclif son to Sargent Radclif

do Stewart Banks Sov^r

The following person is admitted to the Freedom of the Borough of Belfast 7 October 1772

Shem Thompson Jun^r *D^d*

Joseph Thompson

Isaac Thompson

Richard Thompson *D^d*

Sons of the Sovereign

Admitted free

Shem Thompson Sov^r

The following persons were admitted to the Freedom of the Borough of Belfast and sworn the

Robert Gordon of Belfast Esq' *D^d*
 M^r James Patterson Do Merch' *D^d*
 William Ferguson Do Publican *D^d*
 Charles Ramadge Do Carrier *Dead*

Shem Thompson Sov^r

26 July 1773

James Neil of Kilead obtained his Freedom & sworn *D^d*

Shem Thompson Sov^r

25 August 1773

John Gillis of Ballymacarrit obtained his Freedom of this Corporation and sworn
 Shem Thompson Sovereign

21 September 1773

The following persons obtained their freedom and sworn

Thomas M^cCadam of Belfast Merch' *D^d*
 William Lyons Do Linen Draper *J^d*
 James Taylor Do Flax Dresser *J^d*
 Andrew Hannah Do Publican *D^d*
 Waddell Cuningham Do Merch' *D^d*
 William Sayers *D^d* Do (Publican) Linen Manufacturer
 Hercules M^cComb Do Ship Carpenter
 John Black *D^d* Do Cabinet Maker *D^d*

Shem Thompson Sovereign

The following persons are admitted to the freedom for the Borough of Belfast
 Town Hall 8th Septemb^r 1774

D^d

Charles Lewis } *Dead*
 James Lewis } Sons of the Sovereign
 Alex^r Lewis }

Jam^s Lewis Sov^r

At the same time were admitted

Robert Simm of Belfast Tanner *dead*
 Arthur Simm of the same *D^d*
 William Irwin of the same *D^d*
 John Robinson of the same Merch'
 Hugh Kyle *D^d* of the same Innkeeper per Ticket
 Robert Hathorn Do Miller per Do. *dead*
 John Ewing of the same Merch'
 Thomas Beck of the same Butcher *D^d*
 James Thompson Ditto Malster *J^d*
 Robert Neilson Ditto Butcher *D^d*
 James Ervin Ditto Coat Measurer
 Rowley Hyland Esq^r Longford Lodge *D^d*
 Samuel Brown of Belfast Merch'
 John Henderson of Do Merch' *D^d*

Jam^s Lewis Sov^r.

The following persons obtained their Freedom

Town Hall Septem^r 16th 1774

Hugh M^cIlwain of Belfast Merch' *D^d*
 Jesse Taylor of Do Merch' *D^d*

Jam^s Lewis Sov^r

Borough of
 Belfast }

The following persons were admitted freemen

1776 Decem^r 2

Thomas Major Tanner Belfast
 Hugh Montgomery Belfast Merch'
 Christ^s Hudson Do Tanner
 4 William Woodburn Do Cooper
 4 David Besty Do Weaver *dead*

1777 Apr 14
 Sep 4

And^s Allin
 Tho^s Harlin } *Dead*
 Henry Joy Jun^r } on the Recommendation of
 George Joy } M^r Henry Joy
 10 Thom^s Brown *J^d*
 13 Andrew Sutherland Taylor *dead*
 Arch^d M^cClure
 14 James Hamill Merch'
 Rob^t Bradshaw Merch'

Elected Serg' at Mace 19 Rich^d Moore Tanner
 May 1st 1783 23 John Mathews Merch^t
 26 James Sufferin Merch^t D^d
 27 Henry M^cMullan Butcher D^d
 John Fulton Carmony

Jam^s Lewis Sov^a

Henry Migahan } D^d
 John Blackwood } Butchers
 Patrick Moore } admitted free & appointed overseers
 William Moore } D^d

J Lewis Sov^a

Borough of Belfast 27 June 1778 M^r Sam^l Ferguson Farmer was admitted &
 sworn a Freeman of this Burrough *dead*

Stewart Banks Sov^a

Borough of Belfast Nov^r 27 1779 M^r Dav^d Manson of Belfast Schoolmaster was
 admitted & sworn a freeman of this Burrough *Dead*

Sam^l Black Sov^a

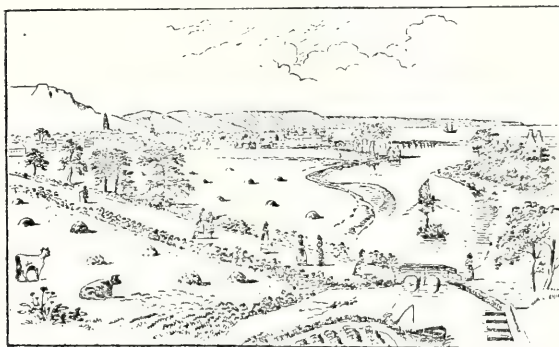
3^d Jan^y 1781
 Hen Hunter of Belf Grocer admitted to the freedom & sworn
 Sam^l Law denler the lyke
 Dan^l Curry D^d }
 Jas Martin } 24th Apr 1783
 Jo: Blackwood }
Dead Paul Brown } 24 Apr 1783
 John Ferguson Farm^r Do
 Hue Graham Do
 Dav^d Dunn D^d Do Gratis
 John Allen Malone 10 July 1783

On the 24 Day of November 1796

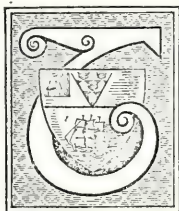
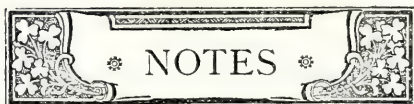
John Brown Esqr being Sovereign Will Atkinson sworn Clerk of Belfast

Henry Shaw Moore and Ralph Wilson were admitted and sworn Freemen of the
 Borough of Belfast

END OF THE TOWN BOOK MSS.



A Perspective View of Belfast from Carrick Road



THE INCORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH.

From the commencement of the reign of King James I. it was confidently expected that a Parliament would have been convened in Ireland. The last was held in 1587 by Sir John Perrott, Sir Arthur Chichester's father-in-law. Six years elapsed before the King, anxious to get a Parliamentary recognition of the Ulster Plantation, and to introduce a large scheme of general legislation, sent over the clerk of the Commons to consult with the Lord Deputy Chichester on the method of procedure. In the Chichester papers, preserved in the Carte collection at the Bodleian Library, is the original Journal of the Parliament of 1587, procured no doubt to serve as a precedent for that of 1613. A large number of new boroughs were incorporated principally for the purpose of returning members to this parliament. By a list dated 1st April, 1613 (*Calendar S.P. Ireland, 1611-14*), it appears that there were:—Cities and towns that are counties, 9; Shires sending Knights to Parliament, 33; Old Boroughs, 31; New boroughs, 38; The University of Dublin, 1; total, 112. To this return Chichester has added in his own hand Catherlagh (Carlow), making the number 113, returning in all 226 members. In August, 1614, the representatives of Tallagh, Lisnmore, Clonakilly, Carlow, Fethard, Agher, Belfast, and Charlemont, were forbidden by the King to sit in this parliament. The subjoined list of the Irish boroughs incorporated by King James I. has been extracted from the appendices to the *Report on Irish Municipal Corporations, 1835*, with the purpose of showing the variety of titles and the frequent use of that of Sovereign. By the kindness of the librarian of the Bodleian Library, the editor is able to give the following letter [*Carte papers 62, fol. 253*] by an unknown official, which shows that considerable licence was allowed in these details.

"I set downe the Name of Sovereigne upon the occasyon of the Rt. hon^{ble} the Ld. Deputies Lettres mentyonnyng the same name, as also y^e name of Provost, &c wishing us to take y^e choyce: w^{ch} If now my L^{dy} styck at, yee may putt in the warrants the Name of Burgo mayster or Borrough master. I hope yee have Inserted the name of Baptist Hazell instead of Rycharde Tyer: And so I pray set yt onward w^{ch} such convenyent expedytyon as other the byke goe on."

(Baptist Hazell was a Burgess of Ballinakill for which a fiant of incorporation was drawn 13 Nov. 1612).

As the Charter of James I. is given *in extenso* (p. 172), a few words of explanation will suffice as to the constitution of the borough. It was entitled, The Sovereign, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the borough of Belfast, and consisted of one Sovereign one Lord of the castle, one constable of the castle, twelve other free Burgesses, and Freemen unlimited in number. Six freemen only were known to exist in 1823. A power to have a Merchant Hall was granted by the Charter. This seems to have been acted on, as there are many entries of persons admitted "Merchants of the Staple."

The Sovereign was elected on the feast of St. John the Baptist, the 24th of June, from a list of 3 names of free burgesses presented to the Sovereign and burgesses then assembled by the Lord of the castle, who was a member of the corporation by tenure of the castle of Belfast.

The charter also granted that all the inhabitants within the borough should be by force thereof freemen. These were represented in early times by a Grand Jury selected from themselves, which, together with the Sovereign and free burgesses, assessed upon the town people sums of money for municipal purposes. Admission was obtained by becoming a "free commoner," a gratuity being usually paid the Corporation. The power of admission seems to have rested with the Sovereign as the chief officer of the Corporation.

List of the Irish Boroughs incorporated by King James I.

Name of Borough	Title of the Corporate body.
ARMAGH.	The Sovereign, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Ardmagh.
ASKEATON.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Askeaton.
ATHLOVE.	The Sovereign, Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Freemen of the Town of Athlove.
ATHY.	The Sovereign, Bailiffs, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Athy.
AUGHER.	The Burgomaster, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Augher.
BALLINAKILL.	The Sovereign, Burgesses, and Freemen of the Borough of Ballinakil.
BALLISHANNON.	The Portreeve, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Ballyshannon.
BALTIMORE.	The Sovereign, Burgesses, and Commonalty.
BANDONBRIDGE.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Bandon Bridge.
BANGOR.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Bangor.
BELFAST.	The Sovereign, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Belfast.
BELTURBET.	The Provost, Burgesses, Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough of Belturbet.
BOYLE.	The Borough Master, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Boyle.
CARRICK ON SHANNON.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Carrickdrumuck.
CASTLEBAR.	The Portreeve, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Town of Castlebar.
CAVAN.	The Sovereign, Portreeves, Burgesses, and Freemen of the Town and Borough of Cavan.
CHARLEMONT.	The Portreeve, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Charlemont.
CLOGHER.	The Portreeve and Burgesses of the city of Clogher.
CLOUGHAKILTY.	The Sovereign, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Cloughakilty.
COLERAINE.	The Mayor and Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town of Coleraine.
DUNGANNON.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commons of the Borough of Dungannon.
ENNIS.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Town of Ennis.
ENNISCORTHY.	The Portreeve, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Enniscorthy.
ENNISKILLEN.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Enniskillen.
FRATHARD.	The Sovereign, Chief Burgesses, Portreeve, and Freemen of the town of Fithard.
GOREY.	The Sovereign, Burgesses, and Free Commons of the Borough and Town of Newborough.
HILLSBOROUGH.	The Sovereign, Burgesses, and Free Commons of the Borough and Town of Hillsborough.
JAMESTOWN.	The Sovereign, Burgesses, and Free Commons of the Borough and Town of Jamestown.
KILBEGGAN.	The Portreeve, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Kilbeggan.
KILLYBEGS.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Killybegs.
KILLILEAGH.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Killileagh.
LIFORD.	The Warden, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Liford.
LIMAVADDY.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Lymavady.
LISMORE.	Portreeve and Free Burgesses.
LONDONDERY.	The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of Londonderry.
MALLOW.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Mallow.
MONAGHAN.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Monaghan.
NEWRY.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty.
NEWTOWARDS.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Newtowne.
SLIGO.	The Provost and Free Burgesses of the Borough of Sligo.
ST. JOHNSTOWN.	The Provost and Burgesses.
STRABANE.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Strabane.
TALLAGH.	The Suffraigne, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Tallagh.
TRALEE.	The Provost, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Tralee.
TUAM.	The Sovereign, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Tuam.
WICKLOW.	The Portreeve, Free Burgesses, and Commonalty.

p. 1.—Payment of Tongues.

The Sovereign of Belfast had but few perquisites of office in comparison, for instance, with the Mayor of Carrickfergus, who claimed the following amongst others:—"In many of the old leases of this place, the tenants were bound to furnish yearly a certain number of fat hens or capons to the Mayor each Christmas, or a specified sum of money in lieu. The owner of the West Mills was also bound to grind all such grain as shall be spent from time to time in the Mayor's house, toll free. As clerk of the market he had also the tongues of all bullocks or cows killed on Fridays, whose flesh was sold in the market on Saturdays" (*M.S. 1011*). In 1601 it was enacted "that the maior of the Town for the time being shall have towards his Housekeeping the sum of twenty pounds stg per ann, and the third part of her Majesty's Customs and the petty Custom usually belonging to the Town—to the end that no Maior of this Towne hereafter for the time being shall sell either Wine Ale or Aqua Vitae or others either at his Table or in his premises upon forfeiture of his stipend of 20^s—payment of the stipend—is to be collected in manner and form following viz. upon every Ton of french Wine four shillings ster Upon every Ton of Spanish Wine six shillings ster, the Ton unloden at the Key of Carrickfergus either by Town or private Bargain." (*Carrickfergus Records MSS.*) Amongst the Duties and perquisites anciently belonging to the Sovereign of Kinsale 1679 are noted—"Imp. Due and payable out of the towne stock or Treasury, 13^h. 6^s. 8^d. It. Out of every beefe slaughtered within the towne or liberties except for burgesses or freemen 3^d. It. From every master butcher being a master of a family one stone of tallow about Christmas. It. The Sovereigne is to receive every Royall Fish that is taken in the harbour or precincts thereof, for which he is to pay 12^d for each to the taker. It. He is to have the best fish or best sprapp of fish out of any boat paying for same 2^d. It. Out of every vessel of pears or apples, for liberty of the market 500." (*Town Book of Kinsale.*)

p. 2. Jo. Vesey.

First Sovereign, and an original leaseholder in the borough.

p. 2. Jo. Ayshe.

The history of the ancient family of Ash, who came from the Isle of Thanet to Ireland in Elizabeth's reign—Thomas Ash, the father of John Ash, being knighted by Sir George Carew in 1603—has been lately published for private circulation, under the able editorship of Rev. E. T. Martin, Dundonald.

p. 2. Henry Upton.

A kinsman of Lord Chichester, and married to a daughter of Sir Hugh Clotworthy. Humphrey Norton, one of the original burgesses of Belfast, settled at Templepatrick, and, incensed at the marriage of his daughter to a Sergeant O'Linn, sold his estate to Captain Henry Upton, who became the founder of the family now ennobled by the title of Viscount Templetown. The wife of Arthur Upton, M.P. for Carrick 1761, introduced crayfish to the Sixmilewater, where they are now plentiful.

p. 2. Walterhouse Crimble.

More properly Waterhouse Crymble, belonged to a family said to have come to Ireland with Sir Edward Waterhouse, secretary to Sir Henry Sidney. Waterhouse settled in Carrickfergus its M.P. in 1585. His account for repairs at the "Pallace," afterwards Lord Chichester's "joymount," is given in an article on that building. (*Ulster Journal of Archaeology*, vol. vii.) His only child married Roger Crymble, father of the subject of this note. He was one of the first burgesses, and a chief mourner in 1636 at Viscount Montgomery's funeral, Comptroller of Customs at Donaghadee about 1649.

p. 7. Carew Harte.

He was a sheriff of Carrickfergus in 1613. His confession at death, acknowledging his guilt in promising to marry Jane Valey after his wife's death, but denying that he had poisoned her, dated at Carrickfergus 11th April, 1623, is noted. (*Cal. S.P.I. 1615-25.*)

p. 3. Absent from Church.

At a Court of the Corporation of Carrickfergus, 4th Sept. 1574, in "le Town House de Knockfergus," the following curious order was passed—"That

Whereas Francis Turner did most slanderously use these unreverent Words following, Viz.: Parson Davye (*sic*) made a Sermon to his parishoners & cried thrice (soho) which he sayed did signify I have found and so sayed he a sort of knaves I have found you, and so I will leave you and so will I sell my House and go my Ways, for the punishment whereof it was ordered that the said Francis shall openly before the Mayor and Aldermen of this Town Say these Words upon his Knee Kneeling Viz. Mr. Maior and the rest of the Aldermen I have slandered your Worshipps and for the same I ask God and your Worshipps all forgiveness most heartily and also that the said Francis, shall be committed to the Marshalls Ward and there remain in Bolts so long as it shall please the Mayor and General." (*Currickfergus Records MSS.*)

p. 5. To sell ale.

As far back as 3rd Feby. 1574—"It was ordered and agreed by the Mayor and the rest of his Brethren that whereas ill measures of Ale was sold within this Town to the great annoyance of the poor and displeasing of God that the said fault should be corrected with punishment according, that is to say for the first fault committed in ill measure by any Man to pay therefore 12^d st^d and the Ale so complained of, and the second time that any man should therein offend 5^d st^d and the Ale complained of, and the third time the whole brewing, or the value thereof, the one half of the said forfeits so taken to belong to the Mayor for the time being and the other half thereof to appertain to his Substitute appointed under him which is appointed under him to Seal the said Cannes and look to the measures thereof. The twenty second day of this month Ralph Crawly for breaking of Crein Duff his head being Sergeant was by the Mayor & the Whole Court condemned to payment of 20^d st^d to the Town & the Bloodshed to the Sheriffs." (*Currickfergus Records MSS.*)

p. 6. Apprehending anie felons Rouges woodkernes or Craytes.

The *Currickfergus Records*, under date 8th June, 1624, note this entry—"It was likewise ordered condescended and agreed that Richd Brooke shall have as stipend from this Town for the banishing and driving out of all strong Beggars and other idle and loitering persons both out of the Town and Country the sum of thirty shillings currant money of and in England." A side note adds, "This was likewise the same day with a generali consent also cancelled."

Amongst the Acts propounded for Ireland in 1611 is one against all such as, calling themselves gentlemen, horsemen, or kerne, live loosely and freely, without any certain means or trade of life, as also against rhymers, gamsters, stokeaghes, vagabonds, and beggars. In the same list are acts for the destruction of wolves and sowing flax for making linen cloth. (*Currickfergus MSS.*) By woodkerne are meant the native Irish soldiery, then lingering in such neighbouring fastnesses as the woods of Kilwarlin and the Glynnys. John Derrick, in his remarkable rhymed work entitled "The Image of Ireland with a discoverie of Wood Karne wherein is most lively expressed the nature and qualitie of the saied wilde Irish Wood Karne, their notable aptnesse celeritie &c. 1581," gives twelve woodcut illustrations of the Irish wood kerne. Only one perfect copy of the original edition is known. Two of these illustrations are of especial interest, as they portray the Lord Deputy Sidney and his retinue in the North, the background of wooded hills being the first attempt in all likelihood to depict the Belfast mountains. In the eleventh print Rory Oge is shown as a wild Irish kerne shrouded in his mantle in the midst of a desolate wood. From his lips proceed the words, "Ve mihí misere," to which certain prowling wolves make answer, "Ve atque dolor." As a specimen of the author's doggerel these lines are given—

"Their shirtes be very straunge not reachyng paste the thie :
With plates on plates thei pleated are as thick as pleates maie lye
Whose sleeves hang trailing downe almost unto the shoe :
And with a Mantell commonlie the Irish Karne doe go.
Now some amongst the reste doe use another weede :
A coate I meane of strange device which fancie first did breede."

Creaght originally meant wattle or basket work. "The Ulster Irish were a pastoral people. In Fermanagh there was neither town or civil habitation. The chiefs dwelt some of them in clay houses ; others of them, who followed

'creaghting' or running up and down the country with their cattle, dwelt, like their followers, in booths made of boughs coated with long strips of green turf, instead of canvas run up in a few minutes, for such are the dwellings of the very lords amongst them." (*Preface of Calendar S.P. Ireland, 1611-14.*)



Irish Soldiers, by Albert Dürer.

p. 9. Henry Le Squire

Henry Le Squire* by his will devised his property at Six Mile Water, County Antrim, to his brother George Squire of Londonderry, with power of appointment among his children. George conveyed the property to his son William, who served as Sheriff of Londonderry in 1677, and died Mayor of Londonderry in 1692. His brother was Captain Gervaise Squire, who played such a prominent part in the defence of Derry in 1688 (for an account of whom see Graham's *History of the Siege of Derry*, and his *Ireland Preserved*, also Hempton's *History of the Siege*). William was succeeded by his son Alexander, who served as Sheriff of Londonderry in 1709 and in 1713; elected Mayor of the City in 1718 and again in 1721. He died in 1725, and was succeeded by his only surviving son, James Squire of Rosculbin, Co. Fermanagh, and Manorcunningham, Co. Donegal, who died in 1779. His only surviving son William died in 1806, having issue who survived infancy one son, William, who died in 1877, and one daughter, Anne, married to her cousin-german, James Chittick, of Manorcunningham, and had issue three sons and two daughters, of whom alone William Gervaise and Erninda had issue.

William Gervaise Chittick, who resides at East Orange, New Jersey, U.S.A., married the eldest daughter of Alexander Lindsay, J.P., of Lisnacrive House, Co. Tyrone, Alderman of Londonderry, and Mayor in 1847, 1848, 1849, 1863, 1864. He has by her surviving issue—1, William Gervaise; 2, James; 3, Alice Gertrude. Erninda married the Rev. Alexander Rentoul, M.D., D.D., of Errity House, Manorcunningham, Co. Donegal, and now resides at The Lodge, Cliftonville. Her eldest son is Mr. James Alexander Rentoul, LL.D., Barrister-at-Law, County Councillor of London, and M.P. for County Down East.

p. 9. G. B. Gowen Bolby

The letters G. B. precede the name in the original, and form the trade mark of Bolby or Boulby. Sometimes it occurs between the names, as at p. 15—John IH Haddocke. Hugh Doake was erroneously considered unable to write, from his constant use of his mark HD; he signs in full sometimes.

* Descended from the Squires of Essex; arms, three swans' heads, couped at the neck, or; crest, an elephant's head, *va. ad arg.* ducally gorged. The name spelled variously—Le Squire, Squier, and Squire.

p. 10.

The reduced fac-simile of this page gives a good idea of the appearance of the earlier portions of the original MS. The first signature is that of Lord Edward Chichester, brother of Lord Arthur Chichester, and father of the first Earl of Donegall.

Of in the margin should be printed *ag^t*, viz., against. Similarly on next page *ag^t* should precede wood chimneys.

p. 11. A Rate made

This entry is for the first time properly rendered. By mistaking the definite for the indefinite article before Town Hall, Benn was led into the error of supposing that the rate was struck to pay for its erection, whereas it had been in use probably soon after the incorporation of the Borough, and was in fitting up to serve as the Assize Courts next year. Joy evidently read the contracted form of "partitions" as prison, and notes under 1639, "The Corporation fitted up a Courthouse with Bench and Bar, and town prison, and for this purpose an applotment was made on the inhabitants, but only 46 were found able to pay this tax. In the following year the Assizes were held in Belfast." (*Joy's MS.*) In the Charter to Carrickfergus granted by James I. ground for a gaol to be used for Co. Antrim is exempted. The Judges of Assize tried unsuccessfully in 1613 to remove their courts to the town of Antrim, but were prevented by Lord Deputy Chichester. Sir Robert Adair twice petitioned Queen Anne to make Ballymena the assize town, but was defeated by the Corporation of Carrickfergus. Other attempts also proved abortive, and it was not till 1850 that Belfast was adopted. The subjoined is from the *Carrickfergus Records MSS.* "The Grand Jury of the Co Antrim, 13th Aug 1666, passed a presentment empowering Sir George Rawdon, Robert Colville, Michael Harrison, Francis Stafford, and Thaddy O'Hara, to conclude an agreement with the Corporation of Carrick for the sum of seventy pounds per ann. to take upon them the rare charge and pains of repairing and keeping in repair the Session House and Gaol, with the tenements and Rooms thereunto appertaining, and belonging to the County of Antrim." The agreement is a lengthy document; one of the clauses reads, "Whereas the said Sessions House and Gaol are now furnished with Table, Cushions, Carpets, Seats, four long Iron Bolts and twelve Rings or Yokes, Thirty pair of double Iron Bolts and Shackles, four pair of Handcuffs, four Padlocks, Six Horse Locks and three Plate Locks, Forty Rivets of Iron for Bolts, one pair of Stocks, one Iron Grate with a Chain and two great Bolts of Iron at the Door of the said Gaol. The Mayor Burgesses and Commonalty bind themselves if any of the above defray perish or be lost to supply the defect thereof with other utensils and materials of equal value goodness and strength." Some of these fetters and locks are in all probability amongst the large collection from Carrickfergus Gaol presented to the Belfast Museum by the late Dr. James Moore, R.H.A.

p. 13. Mr. John Arnold

He was attorney in the Borough Court in 1754, and this signature was perhaps made at the instance of Margetson Saunders, then Sovereign.

p. 13. Winchester measure

Almost identical with the present imperial.

p. 16. River

This was the stream flowing through the middle of High Street; no portion was arched over at the time.

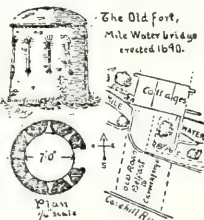
p. 17. The charge of Candles for the Army

Additional charges are mentioned at p. 19, with a list of those assessed. This was the army thus referred to in *Adair's Narrative*. "Strafford, by the help of four subsidies from the Parliament in Ireland, raised an army of Irish, and some profane and ignorant of the English, of 8,000 foot and 1,000 horse, and sent them down hither to the North (in order to the invading of Scotland) where the Earl of Antrim had engaged to get them supported. They stayed a considerable time quartered in this country, much oppressing it, and were, both for design and carriage amongst the people, called the Black Band." Benn's

History contains no mention of any part of the army being stationed in Belfast, although this is evident from the list of the officers made freemen in the same year, including Sir Charles Coote, Sir James Dillon, and other distinguished men. Carrickfergus has hitherto been considered the only place they occupied, and from it as head quarters the soldiers were marched to Larne, and exercised in throwing up earthworks at the Curran, of which traces exist close to the present Oldfield Hotel. As the square earthen redoubt known as Fort William was almost certainly non-existent in Essex's time, and corresponds in plan with another fort having similar small bastions at the four angles to receive cannon, situated immediately under the Cavehill, and called in 1659 the "ditch of Ballyaghagan," there seems a strong probability that these works with that of the Milewater were thrown up to form a continuous line of defence on the North side of the town against any sudden attack of the Scotch from that quarter. *McSkimin's MS.* notes under 1641—"On the breaking out of the rebellion the Kings forces in Ireland amounted to only 2297 foot, and 943, horse and they were greatly dispersed."

p. 17. For ye Bridge at ye Milewater

Mr. John Thompson, City Assessor, Mount Collyer, upon whose property the old bridge till recently stood, has kindly supplied the material for the present note and illustration. The arch of the bridge was so damaged that its original form could not be determined, but was probably semicircular, as the "crown" was much above the ordinary level of the roadway. When the traffic was diverted by the making of the present York Street and the subsequent Cavehill Railway, cottages were built at the north side of the bridge, so as to effectually close up the ancient passage. Adjacent to the north-west side of the bridge, which was evidently erected to allow military stores and artillery to proceed without hindrance between Belfast and Carrickfergus, where Strafford's army lay in quarters, was placed the fort or block-house. This curious little structure had been completely forgotten in recent years; no historian mentions it. It was circular in shape, with narrow arched apertures for musketry, as shown on the plan. The roof was of domical form, and, like the contemporary bridge, the whole was executed in brickwork, the bricks being about 8 inches long by 2½ inches thick. The slits were placed at a height of four feet, and were splayed inwards, so as to allow space for aiming. Not far from this Mr. Thompson found a human skull, in a well-made wooden box, greatly decayed. This probably dated from 1798, when the heads of some of Dr. W. H. Drummond's friends were spiked on the old Market-house. He had a school at Mount Collyer about that time, and wrote here his poems of "Trafalgar" and the "Giant's Causeway." It may be of interest to add that the moschatel (*Adoxa Moschatellina*) is recorded by Tempieton as growing at the Milewater, its only habitat in Ireland.



p. 17. Disordered house

"It was ordered and agreed by the whole Court the twenty-ninth day of this month (Oct. 1574) that all manner of Scolds which shall be openly detected of Scolding or evil Words in Manner of Scolding and for the same shall be condemned before the Mayor and his Brethren shall be drawn at the Stern of a Boat in the water from the end of the Weare round About the Queen's Majesty's Castle in manner of Ducking and after when a cage shall be made the party so condemned for a Scold shall be therein punished at the discretion of the Mayor." (*Carrickfergus Records MSS.*)

Mr. John Coates, J.P., late secretary of Antrim Grand Jury, informs the editor that he had in his possession till recently a gag for the mouth which belonged to the Carrickfergus Gaol. From his description it was probably a scold's bridle.



Ancient ironworks, showing a trip hammer.

p. 19. char Coales

The manufacture of charcoal for the ironworks formerly situated at Strandmillis, Old Forge, Magheralin, and other thickly wooded districts, was very extensive. In the scarce tract entitled *A true relation of several Acts, Passages, done, undertaken, &c., by Captain Robert Lawson, London, 1613*, is the following reference to his father-in-law's (Robert Barr) ironworks at Strandmillis, which were destroyed at that time, traces of which still exist adjoining the first lock of the Lagan Navigation.—“The sow-iron unwrought to the quantity of 2,000l. value beside much iron ore, and 1,000 tons of square timber, most burned by the soldiers, 1,000 loads of charcoals burned by the enemy at forge furnace, and in the woods, with three corn mills, and many houses burned, and land laid waste, the land and mills being worth 150l. per annum.” From a copy of Dr. Gerald Boate's *Ireland's Naturall History, 1652*, which has the autograph and motto of John Gorges, Governor of Maine, showing the wide circulation of this valuable work at the time, the following description of these Irish ironworks is taken:—“At the end of a great Barn standeth a huge Furnace, being of the height of a pike and a half or more, and foursquare in figure, but after the manner of a Mault-kiln, that is, narrow below, and by degrees growing wider towards the top, so as the compass of the mouth or the top is of many fathoms. These ovens are not kindled with wood, nor with sea-cole, but merely with char-coal, whereof they consume a huge quantity. For the Furnace being once kindled, is never suffered to go out, but is continually kept a burning from the one end of the year to the other. And the proportion of the coals to the Oare is very great: For the Mine would not melt without an exceeding hot fire; the which that it may be the more quick and violent, it is continually blown day and night without ceasing by two Vast pair of bellows, the which rest upon main peeces of timber, and with their pipes placed into one of the sides of the Furnace are perpetually kept in action by the meanes of the great wheel which being driven about by a little brook or water-course maketh them rise and fall by turns. There is another and lesser sort of Iron works, much different from the former: For instead of a Furnace they use a Hearth therein, altogether of the fashion of a Smith's Hearth, whereon the Oare being layd in a great heap, it is covered over with abundance of Charcoal, the which being kindled is continually blown by Bellows that are moved by wheeles and water courses, in the same manner as in the other works.” Such no doubt were Old and New Forge on the Lagan. At Randalstown, once called Iron Works, were probably made the nails taken from ancient oak beams in Antrim Castle, and now in the Editor's possession. They are of singular toughness, resembling the best Swedish iron, and forged with such hammers as Boate describes, “being huge big ones, and never ceasing from knocking day nor night.”

p. 19. For Maces.

Benn read “Majesty's” for “maces,” and expresses surprise at the cost incurred in such a time for carving his Majesty's arms on the Town Hall. The mace figured on p. 18 is that bequeathed by Le Squire to the Corporation, and used by him as seneschal of the Manor Court. His sergeant's gold ring was bequeathed to Robert Foster. The well-known expert in all such subjects, Mr.

Robert Day, J.P., F.S.A., M.R.I.A., kindly contributes the following description of the Corporation maces:—

"At the reception given by Dr. John Evans, President of the Society of Antiquaries, London, in 1888, there were no less than 130 maces which had been lent for exhibition by the several Mayors and Corporations in the United Kingdom. These were described by Mr. St. John Hope, F.S.A., who was enabled to point out, from their various shapes, the gradual evolution and change of form from the more ancient war-mace. According to the accepted theory, the lower end of a war-mace was first fashioned into a button to receive the Royal Arms. Then the mace was turned upside down, and the flanges were converted into ornaments, and afterwards gradually disappeared. The flanges were finally replaced by a button or boss to counterbalance the weight of the mace-head, which in the meantime had been growing in size.

This occurs in the two city maces of Belfast which I had, through the courtesy of the Town Clerk, Mr. Black, the privilege of examining. The smaller mace terminates at the grip end with a boss, quite plain, and without any engraving of the Corporate arms, which might have been looked for upon its flat, seal-shaped end. The larger mace terminates in a conical foot-knop, chased with lozenges between intersecting bands. (*See p. 231.*) This larger mace is a fine example of the early Stuart period; it measures seventeen and a-half inches in length; it has a central knop upon the shaft, and three scroll brackets that support the head, which is in four arched compartments, that are divided one from the other by female term figures with plumed head-gear. These spaces have each the emblems of the Rose, Thistle, Harp, and Fleur-de-llys royally crowned. Above these is an ornamented fillet, which is surmounted by an open-work engrailed ball-top coronet. The head is engraved with the Stuart arms and the letters C.R. It is without hall-mark, but in a maker's stamp are the letters S.G. The smaller mace measures eight inches in length; it has a perfectly plain and undecorated shaft, with a knop under the head, which is also plain. The coronet exhibits marks of having been entirely broken off, and the head is engraved with the crowned arms of England, but without any supporters. At either side of the crown are the initials of the King, and, below, the date 1639. There is no hall-mark, but in a circular stamp the diphthong 'E' between six annulets. This peculiar stamp does not occur in the London makers' list, and, so far as I can ascertain, is unknown. When no hall-mark occurs upon Irish plate of the seventeenth century, we may safely infer that it is of local manufacture. Mr. Young has examined the *Town Book*, and finds among the list of freemen ante 1700—'Andrew McCullogh Goldsmith 19 January 1660,' 'W^m Barnett 19 October 1671,' 'Thomas McCune 22nd Janry., 1679.' None of these initials, I regret to say, correspond with those upon the maces; but I am yet inclined to think that they were made, if not in Belfast, in some of the towns of the Pale in Ulster, and I would suggest an examination of the church plate in the diocese of Down, Connor, and Dromore, for the purpose of possibly identifying the initials of these three Belfast goldsmiths with the maker's stamp, which will probably be found upon examples of ecclesiastical plate so preserved. When we have the most conclusive evidence that in the last half of the seventeenth century the manufacture of silver plate existed in Cork, Bandon, and Youghal, in the province of Munster, there is no reason why the same industry should not have flourished in the walled towns of Ulster."

p. 19. Armes and the Towne Seale for the Towne

The following exhaustive note on the subject has been kindly supplied by Mr. John Vinycomb, F.R.S.A.I.:—

FROM an early period in the history of the Borough a *Town Seal* appears to have been one of the essentials of its corporate existence. In 1612, Sir Arthur Chester, who may truly be called the founder of the town, was created Baron of Belfast; and on the 27th April, 1613, the Town was constituted a Corporation by Charter of King James I., to consist of a Sovereign, or chief magistrate, and twelve Burgesses, and Commonalty. In this Charter, which recites the corporate birth of the town, it is stated they may have "one Comon seale in such forme and as shall seem best unto them" (page 177). What may have been the



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special device upon this Seal cannot now be determined, but in the Town Book, under date 1640, we find an entry authorising the payment for what appears to be the insignia of office—"FOR MACES ARMES AND THE TOWNE SEALE FOR THE TOWNE 26th." The Seal here referred to is mentioned in the will of Henry Le Squire, dated 1643—"ITEM:—I give to the Corporation of Belfast the remainder due upon an account of my disbursements for their Maces, Seale and Coat of Armes, and will that the Mace I have delivered to the Sufferance for the Townes use." "Master Le Squire" was Sovereign of the town in 1635-36 & 39, and was one of the Englishmen who followed the fortunes of the Lord Deputy to Ireland, and settled in Belfast. He was then agent and seneschal to the Lord Edward Chichester.

The Le Squire Seal, until recently almost forgotten, remained the only authoritative source of information as to the correctness of the Town Arms; various inaccuracies, it was believed, had crept into the Town Seal of 1842. Mr. George Benn, therefore, in preparing his History of Belfast (1877), endeavoured to obtain from Ulster's office information as to what really were the Arms of the Town. The answer returned was—"There is no record in this office when Arms were granted to Belfast. In a MS. book the following Arms appear in the handwriting of the late Sir William Betham, Ulster:—*Per fess argent and azure; in chief a pile vair, on a canton of the second, a tower of the first and azure; in base a ship with sails set, also of the first. Crest, a sea-horse proper. Supporters—dexter, a wolf rampant proper; sinister, a sea-horse proper.*" Sir W. Betham must have had an imperfect copy of the Arms before him when he wrote, as there are palpable inaccuracies in his blazon. The blue canton charged with a tower should be "*on a canton gules (red), a bell argent.*" The wolf should be "*ducally gorged and chained or.*"

From various entries in the old Town Book it would almost appear as if the arms upon the old Town Seal had been derived from the properly constituted authority. The composition is the work of a skilled and practised herald, and not that of an amateur. That no entry can be found in the books in Ulster's office may be accounted for by the disorganised condition of the records of the office of arms during the troublous times of James II., when "Athlone" pur-suant, followed his deposed Sovereign to St. Germain, carrying with him many of the books of records, some of which have since found their way to the British Museum, Trinity College, Dublin, and elsewhere. It is not unlikely that in one of these tomes the entry relating to the arms of Belfast may be found.

The fine old Corporate Seal of the Town, which is still in existence (an impression of it appears embossed upon the title-page), is of silver set in a wooden handle: it was in use from Le Squire's time down to the extinction of the old Corporation in 1842, and remains in the possession of an old resident family—Lewis of Nettlefield—descended from one of the Sovereigns of Belfast. It is in very fair preservation, and, though somewhat worn, is in good heraldic character, much superior in this respect to that which superseded it. The Coat of Arms on this Seal reappears, with all its peculiarity of detail, somewhat exaggerated, upon the Map of Belfast, A.D. 1790, a fac-simile of which is in Benn's History (1877).

It will be seen that the Arms upon this Seal, making allowance for the quaintness of the drawing, are precisely the same—heraldically—as those now in use, with the exception of the mural coronet, added by Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, in his recent grant.



Trade Token of John Stewart, 1656.

It is a mistake to suppose, as many have done, that the Arms of Belfast were false heraldry. The Bell on the Shield has no reference whatever to the known derivation of the name of the town—*Béal-fheirste*, The Mouth of the Ford—but is an instance of what is termed *canting* or *allusive arms*. This manner of playing upon words of similar sound was a prevailing fashion in the heraldry of the time, and to a large extent still continues, of which numberless instances can be given of all periods. The Bell appears upon the earliest Belfast trade tokens of 1656, and continued the most frequent device, together with the ship, used by the early Belfast merchants.

A wolf gorged and chained also appears upon a token or coin of Hugh Magarraha, dated 1736; showing clearly that the well-known symbols which form the constituent parts of the Town Arms were taken by the traders of the town as the most appropriate they could devise for their purpose. Two wolves, similarly gorged and chained as that on Magarraha's token, are the supporters of the Chichesters: one such had been adopted as the dexter supporter of the Belfast Shield, probably in honour of the noble patron of the town; while for the sinister supporter and crest, the symbolic creature, the Sea-horse, had been chosen, with true prophetic spirit, to indicate the maritime importance and *fast* progress of the rising town and port; the steeds of Neptune are favourite subjects in ancient poetry and art: many of the maritime states of Greece adopted the sea-horse as their monetary symbol, in allusion to the fleetness of their vessels. The ship in full sail in the base of the Shield has exactly the same significance, and for use upon tokens was a more suitable emblem than the sea-horse, hence its frequent use. The very limited space available upon small coins rendered it impossible that any but the simplest and best understood emblems could be admitted, especially as no rigid heraldic law governed these matters; this will satisfactorily account for the entire coat of arms not appearing on any of the tokens. One of the charges on the Shield, V shape, is, in heraldic parlance, a *pile vair*. The term "pile" has reference to the piles or stakes used to form entrenched camps, while "vair" is a parti-coloured fur used for lining the mantles of noble and official personages of high rank in the middle ages; it is taken from a species of squirrel, bluish-grey on the back and white on the belly, and called in Latin *varrus* on that account.



Reverse of Trade Token of Hugh Magarraha, 1736.

"Ferrars his Tabard with rich *vairy* spread,
Well known in many a warlike match before."—DRAYTON's *Barons' Wars*.

"A *chief vair*" forms part of the Chichester Shield, and suggests the source of the adoption of the tincture on the pile. The chained wolf supporter also seems to have been adopted from the Chichester arms, while the motto may have been intended to express the sense of gratitude entertained by the Sovereign and Burgesses towards the founder and benefactor of the young Borough.

On the extinction of the old Corporation in 1842, a new brass Seal was substituted for the old one, of the same size and oval shape. It is very well engraved in modern style. Wings are, however, added to the sea-horse crest and supporters. This new feature has misled many persons, and appears frequently in subsequent representations. This affords a clue to the approximate date of the embroidered cushion in the possession of the Corporation, which has the sea-horse "winged," being evidently modelled on the design upon this Seal.



Old Arms used on a heading of the *Belfast News-Letter*, adapted from the Seal of 1842, kindly lent by the proprietors.

When the Town Council began to issue bonds in 1874 in connection with the purchase of the Gasworks, the large numbers to be impressed with the Corporate Seal necessitated the adoption of some speedier means of stamping; a steel die and embossing press superseded the old method of sealing on wafers. The design of the Seal, however, remained the same as that of 1842, but a garter was added bearing the words "Belfast Borough Corporate Seal." When Belfast was, by Royal Charter, created a City in 1888, the same Seal was used, changing only "Borough" to "City." In August, 1890, a grant (or confirmation) of Arms was obtained from Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, and a new and larger Corporate Seal was designed in accordance therewith, and executed by Messrs. Marcus Ward & Co., Limited, and is the one now in use. It is in every respect an admirable example of what a Corporate Seal should be. A representation of it will be found on back of the title-page.



ARMS OF THE CITY (according to the grant of 1890).—Per Fess argent and azure, in chief, a pile vair, and on a canton gules, a bell argent; in base, a ship with sails set argent, on waves of the sea, proper. *Supporters*—dexter, a wolf proper, ducally gorged and chained, or; sinister, a sea-horse gorged with a mural crown, proper. *Crest*—a sea-horse gorged with a mural crown, proper. *Motto*—

PRO TANTO QUID RETRIBUAMUS.
The motto may be freely translated as a question, thus—"What return shall we make for so much?"

In the Latin Vulgate, Psalm cxv. 12, which corresponds to Psalm cxvi. 12 of the authorised version, we read—"QUID RETRIBUAM DOMINO, PRO OMNIBUS QUE RETRIBUIT MIHI?" which in the authorised version stands—"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" The prayer-book version (Psalm cxvi. 11) renders it—"What reward shall I give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?" The motto of the Belfast Arms in all probability was suggested by the above passage.

p. 20. fire and candle-light for the severall Guards

On the night of Saturday, 23rd Oct., 1641, the news of the outbreak of the Rebellion reached the Governor of Carrickfergus, Col. Arthur Chichester, who immediately apprised his father, Lord Edward Chichester, at Belfast. On Thursday, 28th October, a letter sent by him reached the King at Edinburgh. Little time was lost by the Lord of the Castle in providing means for the defence of the town. On 6th December a bond was drawn up empowering James Edmondstone, of Broadisland, to procure arms in Scotland, as the following extract shows:—"We, Edward Viscount Chichester, of Carrickfergus, Captaine Arthur Chichester, eldest sone and air apparent of the said, Edward, Sir Arthur Tyringham, Knight, one of his majesties most honorable privie counsell for the Kingdom of Ireland, and Arthur Hill of Killwarren in the countie of Downe, Esquyre, have sent and employed our trusty and weil belovet friend, James Edmondstone of Brodeyland in the countie of Antrim, Esquyre, to the citie of Edinburgh, in the Kingdome of Scotland, or to any other part of the said kingdome, to bargane and buy for our use these arms following, that is to say, one thousand muskets with bandeliers [cartridge boxes] two thousand swords, five hundred and fourtie pickis, fyve hundreth horsemen's peicks with snaphouses [a kind of cavalry firelock] or for want of such, fyve hundreth carbynes, and thrie field peices of thrie or fore pound bullet." (Quoted by Reid.) With these and other assistance the Belfast district was gallantly held till the arrival of the Scotch under General Robert Monro, on 15th April 1642, as described by an eye-witness, the original of Scott's Dugald Dalgetty.



Owen Roe O'Neill.

"We came to the west countrie in 1642, and lay at Irwine, Aire, and Kilmarnock more than a fortnight, waiting for a faire wind; which making a show to offer itselfe, Monro embarked at the Largs, Home (who had got Cochrans regiment) at Aire, and we at Irwine. When we were at sea the wind turnd contrarie, and so all of us met at Lamlash, a secure bay on the coast of the Ile of Arran, where we lay a fortnight, if I remember right; and then the wind againe offering to be favorable, one of the King's ships which was with us shooting a warning peece, all weighd anchor, hoysd saile in ane evening, and next day were in Craigfergus loch, and landed that night." (Sir James Turner's Memoirs.) General Robert Monro had seen much service in Flanders and under Gustavus Adolphus, of which he gave an account entitled, *Monro's Expedition with the worthy Scots Regiment called MacKey's Regiment.*

He made several predatory expeditions against the Irish, but was completely defeated at Benburb by the celebrated Owen Roe O'Neill. His exactions in Belfast are shown by the constant cesses entered down to the end of 1645. Scoutbush, two miles from Carrickfergus, was his favourite residence at the time. He married the widow of the second Viscount Montgomery, and was living in 1680.

Sir James Turner says—"The officers of this our Scots armie in Ireland finding themselves ill payd, and which was worse, not knowing in the time of the civil warre who should be their paymasters, and reflecting on the successful issue of the Nationale Covenant of Scotland, bethought themselves of making one also; but they were wise enough to give it another name, and therefore christened it a Mutual Assurance; whereby upon the matter they made themselves independent of any except these who would be their actual and real paymasters, with whom, for anything I know, they met not the whole time of the warre. . . . We fingered but litle moneys, and meale so sparingly as seldom we could allow our sogers above a pound a day." This is borne out by a Commonwealth tract in the Editor's possession entitled *A Full Relation of the Late Expedition of the Right Honourable the Lord Monroe, London 1644*, in which it says, "All our Souldiers of the army carried ten daies victuals in Oatemeale upon their backs, besides their Armes; and ten daies more was carried upon baggage horses; more we could not carry, nor other shift we could not make, for want of carriage horses, and other accomodations for a march: and all this twenty daies victuals for the Souldiers did not exceed 24 pound weight of Oatemeale without any other supply of meat or drink but Water."

p. 22. Bulworke att the Strande

By reference to the map of Belfast about this period, on p. 80, it will be observed that the place where the High Street river falls into the Lagan was undefended on the Carrickfergus side. It was probably here that the Bulwark was erected. As the ford across the Lagan almost certainly started close to this (see p. 63, where "the Strand way over the water" is expressly mentioned), its defence was of the first importance. Mr. W. J. Doherty, C.E., M.R.I.A., informs the Editor that, when making the new quay opposite the Custom House about 1874, his men had much difficulty in removing the double row of oak stakes with large stones filled in between them, forming the old ford which crossed the river diagonally to the ancient road, now called Middlepath Street.

p. 23. for the finishinge of the Rampier

This was an earthen entrenchment thrown up around the town at this time, which remained intact in 1685, when Sir Thomas Phillips made his well-known survey. The course of the Rampart is clearly given in these words—"The rampart ran along the present John's street, from Donegall street, and round by Hercules St^s where the North gate stood in North St^s then along said Hercules St^s and Smithfield to the *reere* of Chapel lane in Castle street, where it was met by Mill gate, passing from thence to the river Lagan at Cornmarket, by the Castle gardens (now the White Linen Hall). The north side crossed from John street, along what is now called the centre of Talbot st. turning eastward to the Crooked lane, and so to the sea above the Point fields, now a part of the Towne." (*Joy's MS.*) A considerable portion of the bastions and intervening bulwarks remained till late in last century. In one of the old books belonging to the 3rd Presbyterian Congregation it gives as a district "The North street from the north gate both sids to ye Sentry Box at Pitters hill and from that to Craven Bridge both sids & from Pitters hill to ye Brewhouse one Both sids which bounds is under the Inspection of William Mitchell and James Chalmers elders," 1725 6. This would tend to show that a guard was still placed on the rampart, or why the mention of sentry box? In a similar time of need in Carrickfergus a like defence was thrown up. "Curia tenta quinta die Octobris A^o 1574 coram Gulielmo Pierse Maire et Humfrido Potts et Johanne Cockerell Vice com. in le Town House de Knockfergus. This present day it was Ordered and agreed by the Sheriffs Burgesses and Commonalty that there should be a Vamour (*sic*) of Sodds or Turfs round about the Town for the Defence or better strengthening of the Inhabitants of the same

which should be finished by the whole Corporation the four mounts at the four corners of the Town Excepted, which was made and compiled at the charge of the Province which Vamour as aforesaid was finished within one month after the Decree was made.²⁹ In the next year this rampart was supplemented by a wall the cost of which was reckoned as follows. "We the Mayor & Corporation for the better furthering of the walling of this Town took in Bargain of his Honour Lord Deputy Sydney to Wall from her Majesty's Castle on the North East unto the Mount of the Mill along by the Sea side at 5' sterl. the foot every foot to be made seven foot in the foundation four foot in the top of the Wall and 16 foot in height as appeareth by the Indentures of the bargain bearing date the 21st of October 1573." (*Corrúlforgus Records MSS.*)

p. 25. for the highe ways

This list contains all the names mentioned in the subsequent lists, which are not printed here, as the names are simply repeated, with slightly varying sums opposite each.

p. 29. Henrye lord Blaney

He came from Wales in James I's reign, settled at Castle Blaney, and was created a baronet in 1621.

p. 29. Geo: Rawden

The Rawdon family has been described in authentic history as of very ancient lineage. One of the most celebrated of its scions was Sir George Rawdon, who, as diplomatist, senator, commander of troops, and Irish land agent, left many marks of greatness on the age. He was born at Rawdon Hall, near Leeds, in November, 1604. After having received a liberal education, and given evidence of possessing excellent abilities, he was appointed to an important office under Edward, Lord Conway, Chief Secretary of State in the Cabinet of that day.

On the death of his father, the first Lord Conway, which event took place at Lisnegarvy in March, 1630, the noble Secretary and his protégé came over to Ulster, where the new landlord continued to reside for several months every year during the remainder of his life. Young Rawdon, when not otherwise employed, took part in the management of the estate, and having much taste for military affairs, directed the discipline of Lord Conway's Volunteers. In 1639 he was returned to the Irish Parliament as one of the members for Belfast. In the next year Lord Strafford received secret intelligence that some of the deposed chiefs were collecting their forces for an attack on the King's troops. Lord Donegal, Viscount Conway, and Arthur Hill, three of the most extensive landowners in Ulster, added largely to the strength of their respective horse and foot soldiers, and considerable battalions of regular forces were concentrated in Belfast and Lisnegarvy. George Rawdon commanded the Conway troops. He had been over in London on business in October, 1641, when the news arrived that Sir Phelim O'Neill, Sir Con Magennis, and General Plunkett, with a force of seven thousand men, had taken the field, and threatened to drive the loyalists out of Ulster. Rawdon at once set out for Lisnegarvy by way of Scotland. The roads were almost impassable in many of the English shires, and it was nearly three weeks before he reached the Scottish seaport from whence he sailed, and on the 26th of November landed at Bangor. Next evening at a late hour he got to Lisnegarvy, and there found the local and royal troops in hourly expectation of the rebels—who had encamped near Brookhill—making a descent on the town. The story of the sanguinary conflict that took place in the streets of Lisnegarvy on Sunday, the 28th of November, 1641, need only be glanced at here, as the details are pretty well known to readers of Ulster history. General Rawdon, Colonel Chichester, and Sir Arthur Jermingham led the troops with such spirit that the rebels were totally routed, upwards of one thousand of their men having fallen in the conflict, and the dead bodies lay in the market-place and in Bridge Street in confused heaps. The survivors retreated towards Brookhill, but before leaving Lisnegarvy they set fire to the thatched houses, and in some hours the town was one great mass of ruin. On reaching Brookhill the fugitives set it on fire, and a valuable library was consumed, and some thousand ounces of ancient plate belonging to Lord Conway, and which had been placed there for safety, were either stolen or destroyed.

When General Rawdon was thirty-five he married Ursula, widow of Francis Hill, who had erected Hill Hall Fort. That lady bore him a son, but mother and child died soon afterwards. In 1654 he married Dorothy, the handsome and only daughter of his patron Edward, second Viscount Conway, by whom he had seven sons and three daughters. Having displayed the utmost fealty towards the legitimate heir to the Crown during the usurpation of Cromwell, Rawdon was ordered to repair to London in December, 1660, where Charles II. gave him command of a troop of horse, and ordered his appointment to be made out as Governor of Carrickfergus. He was also appointed one of the Commissioners for the Settlement of Ireland, and by royal patent had the grant of several thousand acres of land in Down, within "ye territory of Moyra." He was elected member for Carrickfergus, and created a Baronet, under the title of Sir George Rawdon, of Moyra House, County of Downe.

p. 30. For Druggs

The following medicines for Cromwell's Troops in Ireland are given in *Ulster Journal of Archaeology*—"Powder Sugar, Loaf Sugar, White Candie, Brown Candie, Anniseede, Oyle Olive, Juice of Liquorice, Rubarcke, Sweet Almonds, Almond Cakes, Mannae, Aloes he Pat, Succoritive, Aq. ex. flor. aurant, Sarsaparill."



p. 31. Noiated

Contraction for nominated.

p. 33. Cash of Torfe

Cash is still used in remote districts to indicate a certain measure of turf, made of osiers, equivalent to a small cart load.

p. 33. John Miller

Probably of Antrim, and admitted a merchant stapler 24th April, 1645 (*see p. 251*). These two entries are partly torn away in the original MS.

p. 34. The Affidavit of Thomas Postley

This entry is also partly destroyed. Major Coughran (Cochrane) was the military governor of the town at the time (*see p. 240*).

p. 35. John M'Bryd

He was made a freeman on 6th March 1644 (*see p. 251*). Probably the same person who signed the Solemn League and Covenant at Holywood on 8th April of that year. The original preserved in the Belfast Museum is entitled "A Solemn League and Covenant for Reformation and Defence of Religion, the Honour and Happinesse of the King, and the Peace and Safety of the three Kingdomes of Scotland, England, and Ireland, Edinburgh 1643." On the blank half of p. 6 is written—"At Hollewood the 8 April 1644 and upon the nyynth thereof lykeways After sermon delyvered by Mr. William Adair upon both these dayes the covenant of reformation in religion was explained And Afterwards sworne subscribed and sealed with marks by a number of the inhabitants of the Kingdom of Ireland." Several other Commonwealth tracts are bound up with this unique relic. The Editor has a curious MS. receipt-book, written by Margaret M'Bride, Belfast, 1714, possibly his daughter. It contains, amongst other quaint dishes, the following:—

"To make paist Royall of flowers, Take cowslip roses and Marygolts and pluck off all the blossoms and beat yⁿ in a wooden bowl, then put yⁿ in as much sugar as will make yⁿ of one colour, w^t 2 or 3 spoonfulls of rose water, and boill it with stirring it untill y^e burn into sugar again, y^e bake it and work it up to paist w^t gumdragon, and strain it w^t rose water, then roll it very thin, and put it in Moulds, and when it is dry, you may serve it up."

p. 36. docker Nearne

If in practice at the time, he would see much of what Boate called "Leaguer Sickneses," which he was assured by his brother, then physician general of the English forces, "had their original not from any defect of the climate, but of the cold and other hardships which the soldiers suffered in their marches; for they many times going to the fields in cold and foul weather, and

sometimes marching whole days long, yea several days together, in very dirty and wet ways, where their feet and legs were continually cold and wet, besides that they were sometimes constrained to pass through the water up as high as the knees and waist, and after all that hardship endured in the daytime, to lye in the night upon the wet ground in the open air this caused the above named diseases."

P. 37. biscet booter and cheese

Fynes Moryson, describing Mountjoy's fight with Tyrone in November, 1600, says, "For the Army had fasted two Days, and after they had eaten but a little Bisket, and Cheese or Butter, never Men went on in a greater Jollity."

P. 39. Church yard

The Editor has been unable to obtain any earlier information as to the burials than that given in the Parish Register, of which the first volume begins in July, 1745, and continues to June, 1761. The second volume extends to 9th November, 1766, and is carefully written on parchment; the others are on paper, and continue down to the present. In 1746 138 deaths are registered, of which 22 were buried at Shankhill, the rest in the parish churchyard. Only a very few are noted as buried at Shankhill after this year. Five persons were buried in the church from 1745 to 1761, when such entries cease. Three of these were Byratts, two Macartneys, and a Widow Hadskinson. The mortality varied from 71 in 1754 to 209 in 1761; 30 deaths are recorded in August of the latter year. It seems to have been the most fatal month, for in the year 1756, when 193 deaths are entered, 44 deaths occurred in August, 8 being in one day—nearly all children. In the year 1757, when the first Census of the town was taken, the population being 8,549, there were registered 122 baptisms, 13 marriages, and 130 deaths, of which 69 were females. In 1780 occurs the entry—"13th Feby Edward Gorman a *Invited* buried in the churchyard poor." The old burying-place was of considerable extent, being enclosed by High Street, Church Lane, Ann Street, and Forest Lane, now merged in Victoria Street. Along the walls of the two lanes were ranged the finest monuments, including those of the Pottinger and Collier families. A venerable relative of the Editor told a curious incident which she witnessed about the commencement of this century in the churchyard, opposite which she then lived. The parish sexton, in digging a grave, came on a mass of adipocere, which being reported to Dr. Marshall, a leading physician living in High Street, he immediately crossed the street, secured the specimen, which looked like a small cheese, and tasted it with apparent relish, much to her disgust.

P. 40. Eden Carrick

Properly Edenduffcarrick, now Shane's Castle. (For a full account of the O'Neills and their castle, see O'Laverty's *Diocese of Down and Connor*, Vol. III.)

P. 42. laid out for shingles to mend the church w'

Boate says that besides slates and Dutch tiles "there was another kind of covering in use, both for Churches and houses, to wit, a certain sort of wooden tiles, vulgarly called shingles; the which are thight enough at the first, but do not many yeares continue so." The church dedicated to St. Patrick, which occupied the position of the present St. George's Church, was utilised early in 1651 as a citadel, and termed "The Grand Fort" by Venables. A number of houses were removed to allow of entrenchments being thrown up; for compensation awarded to the occupiers see p. 69.

Mr. W. E. Armstrong, solicitor, remembers, about the year 1860, seeing a large cannon lying in the excavation made for the sewer in High Street where now stands the Albert Memorial. Doubtless one of the Commonwealth guns, afterwards thrown into the river, which formed the ditch on that side.

In Fisher's poem, "News from Lough Bagge (Beg) 1643" (*Ulster Journal of Archaeology*, vol. 8), a similar sacrilege is thus described—

"The whole Church wee have overspread
With shingle-boards in stead of lead;
Nor was it truly fitt, or layre
We should stand cover'd, and it stand Bare.
Thus like good tenants wee have cur'd most
Of these Decays at o' own cost

And those wee no Churchwardens are
Wee have put the kirke in good Repayre.
Without we keepe a Guard; within
The Chancell's made o' magazine
Soe that our Church thus arm'd may vaunt
Shee's truly now made Militant."

p. 44. John Stewart

Several contentions of the kind are given in the *Carrickfergus Records MSS.* In July, 1607, Clement Ford, Burgess, resisted the authority of the Mayor in cessing upon him soldiers, "and in choler swearing by an oath to the Maiors face that he would never attend church or otherwise whilst he was Maior. If he did commit him that should be the *damnest* committal that ever he committed."

p. 46. Captain Roger Lyndon

A son of Robert Lyndon, who came to Carrickfergus with Chichester. His signature as Recorder occurs in *Carrickfergus Records MSS.* Rawdon and himself represented the English as opposed to the Scotch party. The latter were much embittered against the former in 1646, and forced them to leave the town and find quarters elsewhere.

p. 52. Sovereignes seat

The original corporation pew was no doubt destroyed when the old church was converted into the "Grand Fort." In 1777 St. Anne's parish church was erected at the sole expense of Lord Donegall, and accommodation was then made for the Sovereign and Burgesses in a large square pew about half-way up the main aisle on the north side. It was arranged with the Sovereign's seat and desk opposite the door, so that the burgesses sat in their black and red robes, six on each side. Mr. William Spiller, who was Rev. Dr. Miller's churchwarden in 1870, informs the Editor that "no rent was charged for the pew, it was used to show strangers into, also officers, and barristers on circuit; the judges, however, always sat in the Donegall pew. The Donegall family pew was in the front of the gallery, and had a small winding stair from the vestibule. In 1870 the Sovereign's chair and desk were removed to the vestry, where they now remain, and the pew divided into two." The accompanying illustration, from a special photograph kindly made by Mr. Wm. Swanson, F.G.S., gives a good idea of the old Spanish mahogany civic chair and desk. The carving is of very fine quality, in the so-called Chippendale style. Mr. James Morrow, one of the Corporation Sergeants-at-Mace from 1864, is represented behind the chair. Born in 1826, he has served, since 1849, 28 different mayors; and as his father, an old soldier who fought in the Peninsula, died recently at an advanced age, there is every prospect that the popular sergeant will be on duty in the new City Hall.

p. 57. schole master

In Youghal, under date 1616, 4th was yearly paid as a stipend, to teach the petty scholars in the old Lazar House. (*Town Book of Youghal.*)

p. 58. Captain Robert Lawson

This was the courageous Derry merchant who saved Belfast from the rebels in October, 1641. (*See note on p. 19.*) He was on his way to Dublin, but turned back at Newry on hearing the rebellion had broken out. His own words are: "being Monday went down back again to *great Belfast* where they found most part of the inhabitants fled and flying, and carrying away their goods to Carrickfergus, and the old Lord Chichester shipped aboard in a ship. So Captain Lawson went throughout the town and blamed them for offering to leave the town, and intreated for some arms, either by buying or lending, but could not prevail. At last he found in Master *Lesquire's* house seven muskets, and eight halberts ready in the street to be shipped to Carrickfergus; which arms he took, and bought a drum, and beating the same about the town raised about twenty men, who came with him again up to the ironworks, having Mr. Forbus and some number with him joined Captain Lawson, where also he gathered in all about 160 horse and foot, who about two of the clock on the same Monday in the afternoon, being the 25th of October, the second day after the rebellion, marched into Lisnegarvy."

Boate describes Londonderry thus :—

"It is nothing big, consisting only of two long streets, the which cut one another cross-ways in the midst, but it is very handsome, the streets being broad and well paved, the houses some stories high, & built for the most of freestone, with a handsome church, market place, and key; and is inclosed with a thick and very strong stone wall, being one of the principal fortresses of Ireland."

p. 61. M^s That the daye and yeare

Rev. G. Hill has kindly supplied the following note :—"As this affair occurred during the struggle in Ulster between the Royalists and Covenanters, it cannot be regarded as an act of piracy on the part of the latter, but rather as a sort of reprisal, or act of justifiable warfare. The complainants, however, being Royalists, they naturally appealed for protection and redress to the Sovereign of Belfast, who had then recently been appointed to look after the interests of the royal cause in this town. The 'merchandise and goods,' of which the owners of the 'Katherine of Belfast' had been plundered, consisted, no doubt, in provisions (most probably oatmeal) and perhaps a small supply of ammunition—both of which commodities were in very urgent requisition by the people of the Ards at the date above mentioned. In the year 1643, General Robert Monro, in the interests of the Parliament and the Covenanters, had seized Belfast by a *coup de main* from the Royalists, and held it—in violation of the original arrangement with the Scottish forces—until June, 1649, when it was retaken from the Presbyterian party by the third Viscount Ards, afterwards created Earl of Mount Alexander." Bangwell is Bangor, situated two miles from Groomsport, which is a corruption of Graham's port. In a map of 1693 in the British Museum it is called Grimsport. Schomberg landed here in 1689.

p. 61. 1649

Under this date *Joy's MS.* states, "About Michaelmas a battle was fought at Bullers feild between the royal army and that of the parliament, in which the former were defeated, the latter was commanded by Col. Venables, who soon after entered the town. George Martin, sovereign, determined not to give billets, and retired to his country seat near the Whitehouse, in consequence of which his house was given up to be plundered." The old ruined mansion adjoining Mr. James Thompson's residence at Macedon was probably this country house. The Editor has a cannon ball made of local basalt, and recently found in excavating for a new building in Corporation Street, opposite the Mariners' Church. It was probably fired from one of the Scotch four-pounders in lieu of the orthodox missiles then exhausted.

p. 61.

The following deposition, from a copy (believed to be unpublished) preserved by Rev. Classon Porter, is given as an example of the military troubles of the time :—

The examination of Captain Andrew Adare, taken before mee, Capitaine John Dallway Maier of Carrickfergus this 12th of May 1653, who for answer saith that about July 1649 the Lord of Montgomerie came and lay close seige to this garrison & was afterwards surrendered unto him. That the day before the said surrender one Joey Griffin a souldier under his dep^t command raised and made a mutiny within this garrison and gathered to himself severall souldiers in arms under p'tence he wanted his paye. That notice thereof being given to this dep^t, as being his capitaine, this Dep^t went and through many good words and speeches p'vailed at p'sent with the s^t Griffin and the rest of his confederated mutineers, that he procured a seeming qualification, & soe left him and them for that present. That soon after this Dep^t was returned backe to his quarters a suddaine intelligence was brought to this Dep^t that the said Griffin had deserted his post, and betaken himself to an other place, and in a mutinous manner had procured unto himself five or six files of armed men some with firelocks the rest with musketts and lighted matches and more souldiers gathering together with the said Griffin from all quarters of the said garrison. That this Dep^t acquainting the Governor therewith and the said Griffin and the rest of his s^t consorte were determined to possess themselves of the keys of the gates by force of armes, this Dep^t as well as all others the respective officers within the said garrison were forthwith respectively commanded by the said Governor to their respective posts and also sent for and secured the said keys. That in pursuance of their commands this dep^t coming found the said Griffin in a mutinous manner to have deserted his post and rettyred to make good another place with the companie of esee. And this dep^t soe coming used all endeavours by persuasion to procure the said Griffin back to his

dep^d s^d post, but instead of rendring his submission, or any obedyence to his dep^d commands, presented his fire Locke against this dep^d breast bidding this dep^d stand backe and stande of, Where upon this dep^d laid fast hould of his bandeliers with intent to secure this dep^d life, which breaking this dep^d by a stumble backwards fell almost to the ground, and being recovered this dep^d perswading the said Griffin to have presented his piece to this dep^d breast and discerning nothing less than instant death by the said Griffin's mutinous expressions, to this dep^d, as well to preserve his owne life as all others within the said garrison and the loss thereof, gave unto the said Griffin some small inconsiderable cutt with intent only to force him to obedyence, but he nothing regarding the same nor to render any manner of obedyence but forcibly maintained his dep^d mutinous act, intending hereby nothing less than to surprize the said garrison, Where upon an other suddaine thrust given the said Griffin he fell downe and dyed, And this dep^d further answering saith that the same being only asked to qualifie the said mutinous act, and in obedyence to his said command, which in duty he owed to God and which he humbly conceaveth himself no ways guilty of murder.

Taken before me the day and year said.

JOHN DALLWAY Mayor.

p. 62. The humble Petition

A similar petition was sent by the Corporation of Youghal. For this and a large number of Commonwealth proclamations, see *Town Book of Youghal*.

p. 63. Carrickfergus

The history of this ancient town has been so admirably told by M'Skimin that it would be difficult to add anything of interest. Till the "Carrick-fergus privilege" of retaining one-third of the total duties leviable on all exports and imports was abolished by Wentworth, the Lord Deputy, in 1637, its condition as a trading port was much superior to Belfast. A copy of the document fraught with so much of future importance for our city is subjoined. Boate, describing the Havens of Ireland, calls what is now Belfast Lough, Knockfergus, and says it grows narrower by degrees "the further it goeth into the land, the which it doth for the space of fifteen miles, as far as to the town of Belfast, where a little river called Lagon (not portable but of small boates) falleth into this Harbour. In this Bay is a reasonable good Road before the Town of Knockfergus (seated about nine miles within the land) where it is good anchoring in three fathoms." He puts both Carrickfergus and Belfast far down in his account of the Irish towns. Describing first Dublin, then Galway, Waterford, Limerick, and Cork, he says—"As for the rest of the Townes, Drogheda, Kilkenny, and Bandonbridge are passable and worthy of some regard both for bigness and handsomeness: But Colrain, Knockfergus, Belfast, Dundalk, Wexford, Youghall and Kinsale are of small moment, the best of all these being hardly comparable to any of those fair market townes which are to be found in almost all parts of England." The Editor has examined the series of ancient maps of the district preserved in the British Museum, and Record Office, London, in order to ascertain the relative importance of the two towns at various dates. In some of the early maps, dating from 1558, in the Record Office, which are illuminated in colours, Carrickfergus is shown much larger than its rival, and the Castle enriched with gilding, as if to show its importance. The *Carrickfergus Records MSS.*, from which a number of illustrative extracts are given for the first time, are contained in a large folio of 347 pages of closely-written matter, transcribed at the expense of Dean Dobbs about 1785. The Irish Municipal Commissioners were informed that the original documents were used by M'Skimin when writing his *History of Carrickfergus*, and never re-used. Dean Dobbs's transcript has been kindly lent to the Editor by Mr. G. M'Auliffe, J.P. The importance of Carrickfergus as a residence of the gentry continued into this present century. It was considered on a par with Lisburn in this respect, Belfast being regarded by these towns as merely a mart for trade; but the transfer of the Assizes put an end to their social superiority. Some of the ancient houses in the town are of much interest. The former post office contains a room hung with old painted canvas depicting hunting scenes in which the gallant Lord Blakeney, defender of Minorca, and buried in Westminster Abbey, 1761, appears. Into this room a lady recently deceased was taken as a child to see one of the beautiful Misses Gunning, then on her way to England. In Farquhar's "Twin Rivals," brought out at Drury Lane in 1703, a servant is

jocularly asked by his master his opinion of London. "For dear joy," is his reply, "tis the bravest place I have sheen in my peregrinations exshepting my nown brave shitty of Carrick-Vergus."

BY THE LORD DEPUTY AND COUNCIL.

WENTWORTH,

Whereas Richard Sperpoint Mayor of the Corporation of Knockfergus Edward Johnson and John Hall Sheriffs of the said Corporation and the Burgesses and Commonalty thereof have been humble Suitors unto Us the Lord Deputy and others his Majesty's Committees for his Highnesses Revenues, to accept and take from them for and to the Use of his most Excellent Majesty our Sovereign Lord Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith & his Heirs and Successors a good and Sufficient Surrender to be made in one form of Law of the third part of all and singular the Customs as well great as small to be divided into three parts And all and singular Sums of Money to them due and payable for and concerning the Customs of any Wares Merchandizes whatsoever from time to time brought or carried into the Port of Knockfergus aforesaid or into any other Port or Haven of Knockfergus or of or out of any other Haven Bay Creek or other place within the Sound of faire Furlongs in the County of Antrim and the Beeloomies being betwixt the Sound of faire Furlongs in the County of Antrim and the Beeloomies in the County of Down and of for and concerning the Customs of all Wares and Merchandizes whatsoever from time to time shipped laden or exported or to be shipped laden or exported of from or out of the said Port or Haven of Knockfergus or of or out of any other Haven Bay Creek or any other place within the Sound of faire Furlongs in the County of Antrim and the Beeloomies or any one or any of them And that in consideration of the said Surrender so to be made We the Lord Deputy and Council would be pleased that they the said Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses and Commonalty of Knockfergus aforesaid might have and receive of his Majesty the Sum of three thousand pounds to be bestowed and employed in the purchasing of Lands for and to the Use benefit and behoof of them and their Successors and to none other Use We therefore having taken the premises and the long & faithful Services done to the Crown by the said corporation into consideration and being desirous by all just and honourable ways and means to advance and augment the public Utility profit and Revenues of the said Corporation are contented and pleased And do hereby Order and appoint that the said sum of three thousand pounds shall within two Months next after such Surrender made and perfected be paid unto and deposited in the hands of Arthur Chichester Esq^r Arthur Hill Esq^r and Roger Lyndon Gent. to be by them disposed of and employed to and for the Use of the said corporation until the said Sum of three thousand pounds shall be disposed of and laid out and employed by the said Mayor Sheriffs Burgesses & Commonalty or the more part of them for the buying purchasing and acquiring Lands for and to the Use of the said Corporation which Lands so to be purchased and acquired We do Ordain and require that the said corporation be from time to time employed for the best benefit of the said Corporation without making any Alienation or Estate thereof other than for the Term of one and twenty Years and for Valuable Rents to be reserved to the said Corporation, Except it be by special License from the Lord Deputy or other chief Governor or Governors of this Kingdom and council for the time being Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin the first of february 1637. Adam Loftus Con^t Adam Loftus G. Lowther Jo: Borlase Geo: Radcliffe Ro: Meredith (*Carrickfergus Records MSS.*)

p. 63. Mr. Teag O'Hara

Head of the old Irish family so long resident at Crebilly, Co. Antrim. (*See O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees.*) He died about 1660, leaving four sons, one named Oliver in compliment to the Protector. His grand-nephew, Henry O'Hara, married the daughter of Dr. Hutchinson, Bishop of Down and Connor. *Joy's MSS.* notes—"10th Geo. 1st. an act passed to enable Charles O'Hara of Crebilly to sell part of his estate to pay off his debts, and on the 8th April 1733 John O'Neill and Robert Dalway trustees sold off the *Roofe* part of said estate to George Macartney, Belfast, who gave them 20 years purchase for them. Part of these lands was called the Castle Quarter of Loughguile. The castle had been the Savages." (*See The Savages of the Ards, 1889.*) Colonel Robert Venables wrote "The experienced Angler; or Angling improved: being a general Discourse of Angling." London, 1662. (*Lovvnde, Bib. Man.*, vol. iv. p. 1861.)

p. 65. Mr. Essex Digby

Nephew of the Countess of Donegall (Lady Mary Digby), and Incumbent of the parish under the Commonwealth. Afterwards Bishop of Dromore; died 1683. Dr. Alexander Colville's life is given in Hill's *Montgomery MSS.* He resided at Galgorm Castle, now the property of the Rt. Hon. John Young. For a curious popular tradition of his dealings with the evil one, see *Dublin Penny Journal*, vol. ii. Edmund Yeo was a nephew of Henry Le Squire, and town clerk of Carrickfergus. John Orpin was a pewterer in Carrickfergus "of a mean descent, the way he came to improve his fortune was by being one of the Executors of the Lady Langford, by which he got considerable, but not justly." (*M^s Skimin.*)

p. 68. Sciant presentes et futuri

The original Latin of this and the entries on pp. 108, 156, and 158 is very much contracted. The Rt. Rev. Wm. Reeves, D.D., P.R.I.A., Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, has most kindly transcribed them *in extenso*, and supplied the translations.

Be it known to those who are & shall be that we Richard Hunt of Henerichellym, in the County of Surrey, yeoman, and John Hunte, son and next heir of me the said Richard Hunte, have given and granted, and by this our present charter, have confirmed to John Helhows of Walton on Thames in the County of Surrey aforesaid, yeoman, in consideration of a certain sum of money duly paid and satisfied at the sealing of the presents, all that our parcel or piece of ground called Burgyston, lying and being in Walton aforesaid, which parcel or piece of ground to wit, contains as estimated six acres of land be they more or less, and abuts on a certain enclosure of one Richard Bernard on the south side, and on the commons of Walton aforesaid on the east side, to have, hold, and enjoy the said parcel or piece of ground with its appurtenances to the said John Helhows, his heirs and assigns, to hold for ever of the Lord's in Chief the fee there of by the services thence due, and of right accustomed. And accordingly we, the aforesaid Richard and John Hunt will guarantee for ever, and by these presents will secure the said parcel of land with its appurtenances to the afore named John Helhows, his heirs and assigns against all folk whatsoever. Be it known moreover that we the aforesaid Richard and John Hunt have made, ordained, constituted, and on our behalf have appointed our beloved in Christ, Thomas Mowld, yeoman, our true, trusty, and lawful attorney to enter, on our behalf, in our stead and names, upon the said parcel or piece of land with its appurtenances, and take lawful and peaceable possession and seizin, thereof, after possession of the same and the seizin thereof thus taken and held, and thereupon for us, in our behalf and names, to deliver full, lawful and peaceable possession and seizin of and in the premises with the appurtenances to the aforesaid John Helhows, his heirs and assigns for ever, according to the force, form, and effect of this our present charter, and to esteem as final and our pleasure all and sundry that our said attorney shall do or cause to be done in the premises. In testimony whereof we have affixed our seal to this our present charter. Given on the 6th day of March in the 3d and 4th years of the reigns of Philip and Mary by the grace of God, of England, Spain, France, both Sicilys and Ireland, King and Queen, Defender of the faith, Archduke of Austria, Duke of Burgundy, Milan, and Brabant, Count of Hapsburg, Flanders, and Tyrol; so that the aforesaid John Helhows, his heirs, and assigns, do for ever pay or cause to be paid to the aforementioned Richard and John Hunt, their heirs and assigns for ever year by year at the feast of Michael the Archangel on lawful demand.

The instatement and seizin with the lawful and peaceable possession were taken and delivered the day and year as below, according to the tenor, force, form, and effect of this present charter, in the presence of

Richard Woodclerk, Tristram Woodclerk, Thomas Woodclerk, Thomas Dalley, Thomas Greentree, Richard Clerk, John Clerk, and others worthy of credit.

p. 72. Edw Reynell

The annexed pedigree of the Reynell family has been kindly supplied by Rev. Wm. Reynell, B.D., Henrietta Street, Dublin.

This family, originally of Norman origin, was at first seated in Cambridgeshire, and had estates there, as also in Yorkshire and Somersetshire. During the absence of Richard I. in the Crusades, Sir Richard Reynell, of Pytney, in Somersetshire, was constituted by that monarch custodian of the castles of Exeter and Launceston. Walter Reynell, seventh in direct descent from Sir Richard, married in 1395 Margery, daughter and heiress of William Stighull, of East Ogwell, County of Devon, by his wife, eldest daughter and heiress of Robert de Malston. The family then migrated into Devonshire, where it flourished for many generations. Prince, in his *Worthies of Devon*, mentions many members of it.

Edmund Reynell, second son of Edmund Reynell, of Malston, by Ann, daughter of Lewis Hatch, of Allan, both in Devonshire, was thirteenth in direct lineal descent from the first-mentioned Sir Richard. He came to Ireland with his kinsman Sir Arthur Chichester, and (with other scions of Devonshire houses) settled at Malone, near Belfast. He married Mary Fortescue, and had, with other children, a son Edward, a Free Burgess and Sovereign of Belfast, who married Katherine —, and had a son Edmund. Edmund Reynell married Hannah Dobbyn. He was a Sir Clerk in Chancery (Ireland), and acquired estates in Westmeath and other parts of Ireland. He died in February, 1698-9, and was buried in the vaults of St. Michan's, Dublin. Mr. Reynell left, with other children, two sons, Arthur and Richard.

Arthur Reynell was of Castle Reynell, Co. Westmeath, of which county he was sheriff in 1718 and 1727. He married Elizabeth Cooke, of Cookeshoro', in the same county, and had issue two sons and nine daughters. He died 1735. Edmond Reynell succeeded. He served sheriff for Westmeath in 1745, and for Longford in 1746. He died unmarried in 1767, and was succeeded by his brother John, who served as sheriff for Westmeath in 1779, and died in 1792. By Catherine, his wife, second daughter and heiress of William Ludlow, he left issue two sons and six daughters. William Reynell, of Castle Reynell, the eldest son, Lieutenant-Colonel Royal Irish Fencibles, married Jane, daughter of Sir William Montgomery, Bart. He died 5th May, 1829, aged 76, having sold Castle Reynell to James Gibbons. Barbara, his third daughter, married John, third Earl of Donoughmore, and had an only son, William, who died unmarried, and three daughters, two of whom still survive.

Richard Reynell, second son of Edmond Reynell, was captain in a regiment of horse. He married Dorcas Cooke, of Cookeshoro', Co. Westmeath, and had issue fourteen children. From him descend the families of Reynella, Co. of Westmeath, now represented by Mrs. Balfour, of Towaley Hall, Co. Louth; of Killynon, Co. of Westmeath, now represented by Richard Reynell; and of Ballinalack, Co. of Westmeath, now represented by Cooke Reynell.

Richard Reynell, of Killynon, married in 1875 Louisa Anna Smyth (she died 1881), and has a son Richard, born 1879.

Arms—Argent, masonry salient, a chief indented of second. Crest—A fox passant, or. Supporters (as antiently borne)—Two foxes. Motto—"Murus aeneus esto," and (over the crest) "Indubitata fides."

p. 77. John Corry

The present Earl of Belmore, G.C.M.G., &c., &c., Castle Coole, County Fermanagh, is the seventh in descent from this former freeman of the town (see p. 254), through his great-granddaughter, Sarah Corry, wife of Galbraith Lowry-Corry, M.P., and mother of Armar, first Earl of Belmore. In the year 1656 John Corry purchased the Manor and Lordship of Castle Coole, where he died about 1681-6. The token issued by him when a merchant in Belfast is described in Vol. iv. of the Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy, append. iv., p. xxx.; a good example is in the Benn collection, Belfast Museum. It is stated in an old MS. History of Fermanagh, quoted by Lord Belmore in his valuable "Parliamentary Memoirs of Fermanagh and Tyrone," that "the family of Corry was formerly remarkable in Scotland for their valour by y^e frequent wars which sometimes happened betweene England and Scotland; and beareth for their Coate of Arms, Argent a saltire Couped Gules, etc." John Corry, Hugh Eccles, and other Belfast merchants were concerned in a Chancery bill anent the will of Archibald Moore, which his mother disputed. She said that John Corry and his wife had been of a long and familiar acquaintance with her son, but his widow successfully proved the will as shown by the entry made by the town clerk (p. 72). John Corry ceased all connection with Belfast in 1656, and was High Sheriff of Fermanagh in 1666. A fine old silver tankard, with the English Hall-mark 1681, belonged to him, and is now preserved at Castle Coole. From photographs kindly sent by Lord Belmore, it appears to be of superior workmanship, with the arms of its original owner engraved on the side in the style of the period.

p. 79. Verses

These doggerel lines are in the autograph of the town clerk of that time. In Anderson's valuable "Catalogue of Early Belfast Printed Books" there is mentioned under date 1795, "Popular Ballads preserved in Memory." This very scarce collection is formed of ballads taken down from local recollection at that time, and composed in the middle of the 17th and beginning of the 18th centuries. One entitled "Kirk and Covenant" bears internal evidence of being written about 1660. It begins thus—

"Och, and alas, a well a day,
 Sin' now our hands we wring,
 We're slaughtered, murder'd, made a prey,
 A sad and doleful thing.
 They who 't'ofore, did drone and roar,
 Are now begun to rant,
 And now they pray, the live long day,
 Wac worth the Covenant."

p. 94. Michael Bigger



THE family of Bigger is one of the few in Belfast of which members still exist after the lapse of 250 years. Three brothers came over from Nithsdale, in Scotland, about the year 1640, and settled in Belfast, and also at Biggerstown, now Hightown, in the parish of Carmoney. The trade tokens of Michael and James are given herewith. These brothers were "Commissioners" for the old Presbyterian Church adjoining the North Gate. John and Michael Bigger were enrolled as freemen in 1654. Other notices of the family occur through the book. An entry close to the old Market House in High Street was long known as "Bigger's Entry," and had formerly been the entrance to the family residence, which was built at some distance from the street; subsequently premises were added in front, which remained in the occupation of the family till 1830. At Biggerstown the whole district was in their possession at one period, and they still own a considerable portion. The will of Michael Bigger was made at Edinburgh in 1674, and is subjoined as a curious survival of the Scotch element. John Bigger, who had the interesting document on p. 140 recorded, left by his will, in 1721, 20 shillings to the poor of the parish, "to be paid to each of them as y^e Rev Mr Fletcher shall think most fit." The will of

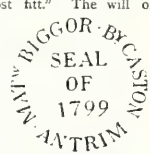


BADGE OF THE UNITED IRISHMEN.

Michael Bigger, yeoman, 1718 states—"Imprimis I leave all my body cloaths Linen and wooling except a ticken vest and bristles to—and my chattels to be roped or sold by Publick Cant at a convenient time after my decease at the discretion of my exact and overseer." James Bigger was one of the earliest volunteers, and a Delegate at Dungannon in 1782. William Bigger and his son Mathew worked a woollen factory at Biggerstown, being subsidised by the Irish Parliament. The latter was a colonel on the Irish side at the Battle of Antrim, and his friends were well represented there. David Bigger started the Carmoney Cotton Printing Mill about 1800, now the Mossley Mills; he was an original governor of the Academical Institution, and also a founder of the Linen Hall Library. His name is annexed to the Resolutions presented to the Irish Parliament about 1790 in favour of the Roman Catholics, and he was an United Irishman. His son, the late Joseph Bigger, of Ardrie, Belfast, has left the following sons:—H. J. Bigger, Surgeon-Major S. F. Bigger, M.D., India, W. C. Bigger, F. C. Bigger, E. C. Bigger, M.D., and F. J. Bigger, solicitor. The late Joseph Bigger, Trainfield, was a wealthy merchant and chairman of the Ulster Bank; and the recent death of his son, Joseph Gillis Bigger, M.P., was much regretted by his countrymen. W. F. Bigger, J.P., D.L., left Belfast and settled in Derry, his family are—J. Edgar Bigger, W. G. Bigger, M.D., and C. J. Bigger, of the Foyle Shipyard, the late Prof. J. L. Bigger, M.A., was his eldest son. There are also others of the name in and about Belfast.

WILL OF MICHAEL BIGGER, 1674.

At Edinburgh the Twentie sext day of June, 1674. Three scoir flouretein yeares. I Michael Bigger of Belfast Merchant—in the keingdome of Ireland. Being for the present seck in body but perfyte in memorie and Judgment. And being most willing to sette my wordlie affaires. Thairfore I nominate and appoynt my well beloved spouse, Agnes Stewart my only exoric and universal intronsiatrix with my hail goods, geir, chattel insight and plenishing debts and sommes of money adebted and restand at and to me be it somever manner of way with power to her to give up inventar y^e of enter and confirme the same lykys. I leve and appoynt the two third parts of my free goods and geir more nor payes my just debts to be dividit amongst my children be the advyce of Thomas Stewart of Belfast Merchant my brother-in-law and that my said spouse with his



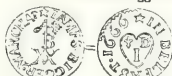
BRASS SEAL OF MATHEW BIGGER, BALLYASTON.

advyce shall proportione and divide the samyne amongst my said children as they shall find eas and convenient and sychlyke I nominat and appoynt the said Agnes Stewart my said spouse and the said Thomas Stewart her brother Tutors, testamentars to my said children during yr pupillarite and less age and administrators to them for guiding and governing their persones and estaits during the tyme foresaid. This my Letter will and testa to all and sundrie whom it concerns I notifie and make knowin. In Witness yf of this puts (wrytten be Andrew Anthone scrivitor to Mr James Weir wrytter to his Matties signet) I have subscrybed the same with my hand and seal Before their witness, Allane Corbet of Hilliswroo merchant the said Mr James Weir and the said Andrew Anthone wrytten heirof day moneth and year of God forsaid

Allan Corbett witness Andrew Anthone witness

James Weir, witness

Michael Digger SEAL



p. 100. Towne Hall

In the view of High Street in 1786, reproduced on p. 100 from the original drawing (and inserted by the courtesy of Mr. Olley), the old building, with its quaint cupola and arched openings, is clearly depicted, standing at the corner of High Street and Corn Market now occupied by Forster Green & Co. Like most market houses of the time, the ground floor or "sellers" was used for store and weigh-house, the upper rooms, to which access was obtained by the "staires," served as the meeting-place of the old Corporation and for public assemblies in later times. An old lady still living at the age of 104 informs the Editor that she has a distinct recollection of seeing the last blackened heads that were spiked on the parapet of the Market House. They are thus referred to in the *News-Letter* of August 17, 1798:—"The heads of Dickey, Storey, and Byers have been taken off the market house by order of general Nugent where they were placed on spikes." At this time it was used for the sittings of courts-martial; those arrested for such offences as being found in the streets after nine o'clock p.m. were confined in a basement which extended under the rear portion. Mr. Robert Young, C.E., saw a little Gothic oak window, almost at the ground level, brought to light when Grattan & Co. removed their premises in 1863. Small red bricks similar to those used in the Castle, with some sandstone dressings, formed the walls. "His Majestys arms" gave dignity to the High st front, from which also projected the clock, whose dial fell in 1739, breaking a mans thigh. In the Koil of Freeman under 26 Sept 1667 Thomas Orpin glasier is admitted, the fee of ten shillings to be done in work, no doubt at the market house. On 22 Sept 1681, John Churchley plasterer was admitted without a fee, but he was "to mend ye market house." The only relic now existing of its former splendour is the bell, which is of bell metal, with a rough iron clapper, capable, however, of bringing out a fine tone. On an ornamental band is the date 1761 in raised figures. The extreme width and height are the same, viz., 22 inches. After much inquiry it was found and identified at the old Holywood Lighthouse, where the Editor saw it by the kindness of the Harbour Commissioners, to whom it was presented by Lord Donegall after the demolition of the market house.

p. 102. Mallon fall and dunmury and part of the parish of Coole

These districts were mainly peopled by Lord Chichester's tenants from Devonshire. Mr. W. F. M'Kinney, Sentry Hill, Carrmoney, kindly supplied a copy of the receipt printed herewith

"Received from the Parish of Carrmoney (by the Hand of Mr William Russel) Six Pounds, Sixteen Shillings & Six pence Ster: being the contribution of said Parish toward the Expences laid out by me in New Roofing & Repairing the Market House of Belfast. £6: 16: 6

Received this 21st Sept: 1770. Robt Joy.

p. 108. Omnibus et singulis

To all and singular, Justices, Wards of the peace, and Mayors, Aldermen, Sovereigns, Bailiffs, Constables, Officers, Ministers, and loyal subjects of the Sovereign Lord that

now is, to whom this present writ shall come,—Robert Bindlos, Baronet, Mayor of the borough or town of Lancaster in the county of Lancaster, William Townson and Giles Hoysham, gentlemen, Bailiffs of the same borough or town,—Health in the Lord everlasting ; We do you to wit that the town and borough of Lancaster aforesaid is an ancient borough, and that all the Burgesses of that borough have, enjoy, and possess, and as far as the memory of man reaches, have never done otherwise than have, enjoy, and possess, the liberty, privilege and immunity to be relieved and exempt from all toll, passage, pontage, stallage, pannage, tonnage, lastage, as also from all other exactions and demands whatsoever for all their goods, merchandises, bought or sold, through the whole kingdom of England, also through all seaports, and islands, cities, ports, and towns of Ireland, Wales, and Man ; also that the Lord James, late King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, by his Letters patents, under his great seal of England, granted and confirmed to his Burgesses and his borough aforesaid, and their successors for ever, the liberties, privileges and immunities aforesaid agreeably to the tenor of divers Charters of the progenitors and predecessors of the said Lord the King, and to the same Burgesses and their predecessors granted from the time of King John formerly monarch of this kingdom of England, and lately confirmed by the most excellent prince our Lord, Charles the Second, now King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland ; and to the same Burgesses and their successors by his Letters Patents, as well under his great seal of England as under the seal of his Duchy of Lancaster, according as in the same Letters Patents and the charters remaining in the possession of the aforesaid Burgesses, more largely is contained and appears. Which things above recited we not only testify to you by the tenor of the presents, and further that one William Yeates was admitted and sworn a Burgess, and for the period of thirteen years now last past has been admitted and sworn to the Liberties of the same borough or town of Lancaster : To wit, he was admitted and sworn as is alleged in and on the ninth day of October in the year one thousand six hundred and fifty-two. Wherefore we the aforesaid Mayor and Bailiffs do in particular ask that when the said William Yeates or his servants shall come to cities, towns, ports or other places within the kingdom of England, or to ports and islands of Ireland, Wales, or Man with their goods or merchandises, they be relieved and free from all Toll, passage (in English through toll), pontage, stallage, pondage, tunnage, lastage, and other exactions and demands whatsoever, according to the grant of said Lord the King and his progenitors as above recited. In testimony whereof we have set the seal of the aforesaid borough or town to these presents the fifth day of February in the eighteenth year of the reign of our Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the faith, in the year of the Lord 1665.

p. 117. The course of the backwater

This was the tail race coming from the Manor Mill across Smithfield, which was probably called so from smithies erected on its course. In 1761 complaints were made of the danger caused by horses sent up to be watered in North Street, no doubt at this conduit. The new plantation was situated at the foot of Waring Street (called after the Sovereign), on the line of Corporation Street. The houses were small, with thatched roofs, and divided into the Fore and Back Plantation in the map of 1768.

p. 121. The new Dock or River up to the sluices

This new Cutt River, as it is termed on Phillips' map, extended from the Lagan to the sea bank, beside the Castle Gardens, and crossed the Blackstaff estuary. Mr. C. H. Brett's valuable "Notes on the Topography of Old Belfast," read before the Belfast Literary Society, describe this fully.

p. 129. Arthur Earle of Donnegall

1st Earl, *see p. 227*. As there was no Registry of Deeds till Queen Anne's reign, Wills, &c., were often enrolled in Town Books for preservation.

p. 134. ye old kea or wharfe be enlarged

On Phillips' map some ships are shown in the lower part of the High Street river, close to two long one-story buildings situated below the church. These were probably the "new stone houses of George Macartney and Henry Thomson," used as warehouses only, as Macartney's dwelling-house, mentioned in his will with garden, meadow, &c., was near his mills.

p. 136. Halberts

The old night watchmen, before 1842, were called by various nicknames— as hornies, bulkies, and charlies, the latter from the reign in which they were introduced. They were armed with halberts, and had a wooden rattle or crake.

p. 138. y^e great bridge

This must have been one of the upper bridges over the High Street river, if the measurement of about 200 Irish perches from the Tuck mill dam be correct. It was the fourth mill ascending the stream, and is now occupied by the Clonard Works. The bridge may have been that opposite the market house, supposed by Benn to be depicted on the famous "Belfast Ticket," of



Belfast Ticket, c. 1730, showing market house and bridge.

which the unique original is in the Benn collection, Belfast Museum, but it probably represents the western end of the Long Bridge. The wooden pipes are still occasionally dug up, in fair preservation; some exhibit the iron ferules inserted at the faucet to prevent the spigot breaking them. The Editor has one about 8 feet long by 9 inches diameter, with a bore of 3 inches. Native alder and pine were used at first, then Norway poles, whilst square balks were

p. 138. Capt Robt Leathes

found at Lord Donegall's house, now the Royal Hotel. Cork only got pipe-water in 1761, when Ducart (of canal fame) received £25 "for taking the level of the river Lee and drawing several plans of waterworks." (*Town Book of Cork*.)

He was agent to the Donegall estate, and connected with the Lewis family, as shown by the following pedigree, kindly drawn up by Miss Lewis, Nettlefield. Two extracts from his diary, preserved in *Joy's MS.*, are subjoined. "My family and servants with those of another gentleman sailed for Port Glasgow in consequence of the times, 1697, at Paisley (Paisley) saw 3 warlocks and 4 witches burned. 1690. Oct 7. In the morning about a quarter of an hour after seven o'clock, there was an Earth quake in Belfast, shaking houses to the amazement of the Inhabitants, not usual in this place but one above 40 years since. I found it in the lowest room of my house, leaning upon the window at the time. I first believed it to be a giddiness in my head, till comparing with others who felt the same." W. Sacheverell notes in 1698—"The new pottery is a pretty curiosity, set up by Mr. Smith the present Sovereign and his predecessor, Captain Leathes, a man of great ingenuity." The ware was similar to Rouen, of which large quantities were imported here—a shoe in blue and white is at Nettlefield, another dated 1724 is figured. (*Jewett's Ceramic Art, Vol. II.*)

At Nettlefield is still preserved the Oak Punchbowl "presented to Robert Leathes, Sovereign of Belfast and Agent to the Earl of Donegall, in the year 1690, it having been in the Donegall Family for upwards of 100 years previous." His portrait is given on p. 139, reduced from that in *MS.*

PEDIGREE SHOWING CONNECTIONS OF THE LEWIS FAMILY WITH BELFAST SOVEREIGNS.

John Leathes, Sov. 1638, 1655		Dorcas — married	
Wm. Leathes, Sov., 1645, 1657, 1658, 1659		1st. Francis Thetford, Sovereign 1681	2nd. James Gurner, Sovereign 1715-16
Robt. Leathes, Sov. 1686-87-88-89-90, 1714		Edward Thetford	
— Leathes m. William Byrrt, Town Clerk		Charles Lewis, from Hindwall, Radnorshire, d. about 1730	Dorcas Gurner
William Byrrt, Town Clerk 1774, Died 2nd Mar., 1738	= Juliana Dorcas Daugh. of Jas. Lewis, Sovereign	James Lewis, Born 1717, Died at Earl's Grove, Sovereign 1773-77	Sarah Orr, Daughter of Alexander Orr
William Byrrt, Army Surgeon, Died in Belfast 1845	= Harriet, Daughter of James Lewis	Juliana Dorcas married Wm. Byrrt, Town Clerk	James Lewis, Born at Earl's Grove, married Elizabeth M. Bellamy, daughter of Richard Bellamy, <i>Mrs. Lee.</i>
		Frederick H. Lewis, Mayor, 1854, 1869	M. Montgomery, Daughter of Dr. Montgomery
		Rev. W. L. Lewis.	

p. 152. Ad Curiam Publicam

At a Public Court, held on the 20th day of May, in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of His Majesty Charles the Second, and in the year of our Lord [one thousand] six hundred and eighty-three, in presence of Louis Thomson, Sovereign of the aforesaid town, W. E. was elected and constituted [a Burgess] by the general consent of the whole court. In testimony whereof the said Sovereign subscribed these presents, and caused the common seal of the said town to be attached thereto, the day and year above written.

p. 154. S^r William frannclin

Of Mavorne, Beds. He married the widow of 1st Earl of Donegall (p. 227).

p. 155. provide a cupple of poles

Fires were numerous in the old boroughs, full of cage-work houses, with thatched roofs. In 1622 nearly 1500 houses were burnt in Cork, where a law was passed to remove all thatch under a penalty of £40 (*Town Book of Cork*). In one of the thatched cottages still left in Frederic Street, Lord Edward Fitzgerald lay concealed a month in 1798.

p. 156. Jacobus Secundus Dei Gratia

James the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To the Sheriff of Antrim greeting—We command you that you fail not, by reason of liberty in your Bailiwick, to enter the same, and by honest and lawful men, and serve an injunction upon the Sovereign, Free Burgesses, and Common Burgesses of Belfast in the county aforesaid to appear before the Barons of our Exchequer, at the King's Courts, Dublin, on the fifteenth day after Easter next ensuing, to declare to us By what warrant, right, or title they claim to have, use, and enjoy the liberties, privileges, and franchises following,—to wit, that they be of themselves one body corporate and politick in substance, act, and name, under the name of "the Sovereign, Free Burgesses, and Common Burgesses de Belfast," and by said name to plead and implead, to sue and be sued, and to have the power of sending two Burgesses to attend Parliament, and to hold a Court of Record; which franchises, liberties and privileges it appears the aforesaid Sovereign Free Burgesses and Common Burgesses aforesaid have, for the space of one year now last passed, and longer, usurped and do still usurp, in defiance of Us, and to the grievous injury and manifest hindrance of our Royal prerogative, as in a certain Information against the said Sovereign, Free Burgesses and Common Burgesses of Belfast in the said county, to exhibit by our Attorney-General, who on our behalf sues, more fully is set forth and appears. And further to receive what our Barons thereupon may cause to be done and which of right and agreeably to the laws and customs of our said Kingdom of Ireland ought to be done. And further, that there and then you have the name, and by whom they exercise jurisdiction, and the brief. As witness Henry Hene our Chief Baron of our said Exchequer, at the King's Courts aforesaid, the 12th day of February, the third year of our reign. Barry

John Nethercott, Deputy Remembrancer of the Treasurer.

As a contemporary writer says—

"He shall new model all the Nation
From College unto Corporation;
To former plights he shall transplant us,
By Mandats, Briefs, and Quo Warranto's." (*Irish Hudibras*, 1689.)

p. 167. (styl'angl')

The legal year in England began 25th March till 1753. In Scotland it began on 1st January from 1600. The Town Book followed the latter.

p. 168. these things belonging to the Towne

The Charter and Town Seal alone survive. All efforts to trace the old weights and measures proved fruitless. "The great ordinary measure shall be a sive of 24 gallons." (*Town Book of Youghal*.)

p. 170. five dozen of clift boards

The meaning of "clift boards" in this connection is not clear, unless it may be taken as a private term to denote money, known to both parties. The postscript "it would be better yn Irish money" would then be intelligible.

p. 171. the market

As Benn's History treats of the markets, little need be added here. The Countess of Longford was Ann, daughter of 1st Earl of Donegall (p. 131, 227). The district mentioned includes all Castle Place, into which opened the upper Castle gate, both sides of High Street, as far down as the dock at Skipper Street, and all Bridge Street. The Stone Bridge was opposite Bridge Street, and may

have been built by Hugh Eccles in 1664. In 1738, Robert Willis, formerly Latin schoolmaster, intimates that he now keeps shop opposite the Stone Bridge, next door to the Post Office. In 1860, at the making of a new sewer through High Street, the ancient level of the footpath was found to be 3 feet below present surface. By the kindness of Mr. James McGee, the Editor has the large collection of local tokens, &c., acquired by the late J. G. McGee at the time. (*Ulster Jour. Arch.*, ix. p. 113.) In *News-Letter*, Dec. 22, 1761, is the notice, "Next Friday being Christmas Day, the Margymore or great Market of Belfast will be held on Thursday next."

p. 172. A Copy of the Charter

The original in Latin is preserved at the Town Hall. This copy was made to precede the recapitulation of all the Corporate bye-laws, which was found necessary at this time, as the originals were difficult to read, full of erasures and interlineations, and scattered. Joseph Smyth published an English version of the Charter in 1812.

p. 187. ye New Bridge

This was the Long Bridge, which was commenced in 1683, and completed just in time to be seriously damaged by the passage of Schonberg's artillery. Thompson's engraving gives a faithful view of this historic structure in 1823.

In the Belfast Museum are preserved two Scrabo sandstone blocks which were built into the bridge close to each other. Each is about 19 inches high by 11 inches across. One bears a coat of arms,—on a bend, between 3 mullets, 3 cinquefoils; the other has the annexed inscription sunk in angular letters.

If "Mr. Chades bridge" was not one of the small bridges across the High Street river which was to be cleaned to "ye near mill," viz., the Manor Mill at Millfield, it would

appear as if the Long Bridge was called after him as the builder, and perhaps architect. In the *Hibernian Gazetteer*, 1835, the dimensions of the bridge are given. "The whole Bridge is 2562 feet long, of that the 21 arches take up 840, and the dead work 1722, the breadth of the arched part is 22 feet and of the whole 19." It was taken down in 1841.

p. 188. The humble addressee

It is noted 9th April, 1696—"It. That if the Recorder come not here to draw an Ascotiation (*sic*) for this Corporation (to be presented to his Maj^y) by to-morrow night, that it be drawn up by Mr Harrison." (*Town Book of Youghal*.)

p. 190. Thomas Knox

He purchased a part of the Donegall estate at Dunganon. An ancestor of Lord Ranfurly.

p. 192. Warham Jemmett

Formerly collector at Cork, where a bridge was called after him.

p. 193. whose names follow

These are said by Benn not to have been given.

p. 195. My Lord Donegall

He was 3rd Earl, and served under Lord Peterborough in Spain (see p. 228). A plan of Barcelona given in *Tindal's Continuation of Rapin's History*, London, 1744, shows Fort Monjuich, or Mount Joie, as close by the sea, and strongly fortified. In the same volume is the map of Belfast about 1660, reproduced on p. 80.

p. 197. The Corporation of Belfast hath power

The first entry is the same as one supplied to Benn by Rev. Dr. Reeves, with this reference, "A printed Broadsheet bound up in a vol. of old papers in the Primate's Records, and it is endorsed (in Bishop King's handwriting) Belfastes Case, 1703." (*History of Belfast*, p. 475.) It was no doubt cited as part of the case brought against George Macartney, Sovereign, by the widow of 3rd Earl of Donegall, and which he successfully refuted before the House of Commons in 1707. The entry beginning at "Resolved" has reference to this, and is evidently incomplete.

p. 199. Councillor Macartney

This speech seems to be a draft probably composed by the Town Clerk. The reference to Lord Donegall would imply that his death was not known in Belfast, although it occurred on April 10, 1700.

p. 200. Whereas the Key of the Port

The Bill for this improvement was not carried till 1729.

p. 214. Robt Green Esq^r Constable of the Castle

He was a lawyer, and the agent for seven years of the Donegall estate, which was managed by Lord Barrymore as trustee. Green Street was named after him. Some of his letters, written about the time he was superseded by the appointment of Thomas Banks early in 1726, contain interesting information as to the state of the town. The following extracts are printed for the first time:—

"Mr Seymer was with me this day desiring to know if y^e Lordship (Barrymore) had written anything relating to his searching for Coals, he tells me he hath discovered what looks very like Coals on y^e Lords Estate at Dunmurry, & doubts not to find them near whitehouse, where they will be of much more value. I hent the lead Ore gott at Innishowen turns to very good acco^t that M^r Chichester and Mr Jones his nephew have each of them got two hundred guineas to admitt a partner to share in their profit but of this I doubt not butt y^e Lordship hath a better acco^t from other hands having reason to believe what I write is true. Know it could do no hurt if no good the Merch^{ts} are dayly with me desiring to putt y^e Lordship in mind of doing something to preserve if not encrease y^e remains of their declining trade which cannot be without great encouragement to build conveniences for trade and to preserve what already built great complaints are made ag^t the managem^t of my Lords Courts and not without Cause the exactions are great and delays much greater besides thirty pounds hath been lately levied of this Mannor to build a Goale by presentments at our sessions at y^e instance of M^r Banks who cares not what power he brings into y^e Mannor to compass his ends No seneschall or Bailiff ever had a Goale before and in truth it may be rather called a Spunging house being built on a tenem^t and joining to a tenem^t that he rents from M^r Macartney the Coll^l with a room over, to which the Courts & Jurys are to be adjourned his Bailiff keeps the house and sells liquor where many of our Lords Tenants that have anything to do in the Courts are too oft obligd to spend more than they can spare." (Letter of January 29, 1725.)

"My Lord—I have oft writt that the trade of this place decays the inhabitants are moving hence to Dublin & elsewhere and have earnestly recommended y^e procuring an Act for setting long leases or for lives renewable, that, woud encourage to build and repair whats most ruinous those whose interest are in houses most sensibly feel the effects of peoples going of with their families. as I do whose study always possible to supply that loss and in order thereto I have long endeavourd to gett a woollen Manufacture sett up here & hope to effect itt if any Encouragement can be on my Lord Donegalls Acco^t itt will bring many families workmen & artichers here it will keep much money in the town and country which is now Annually laid out in Dublin for woollen Manufactures but work houses must be built and for some time little return can be expected from 5 or 6 thousand pounds that must be advanced to carry on the work for the Encouragement whereof and the good of the place I am willing to subscribe 500^l or a greater sum. if your Lordship approves the project and thinks itt worth the Encouraging a few lines to that purpose, will soon sett the work on foot. My Lord Donnegall, & his Lordships successors, will gain greatly thereby: and it shall have the best assistance in the power of my Lord your Lordships most obedient Serv^t Robert Green." (Letter of February 20, 1725.)

His postscript, in a letter to a Dublin friend, adds—

"I would gladly know from him and you what Doctor Tisdall is doing I hope the Church & Dock bill will sleep for ever! at least till we have another Session or another Parliament."

"Your Lordships of the 12th gave great satisfaction to the Merch^{ts} and chief traders here so soon as rec^d. I communicated what your Lordship had done for the benefit of trade and to free from the great expense and burden that the intended act woud have brought upon them, they then resolvd by a letter to y^e Lordship so far as was possible to express their thanks & acknowledgments, which when our Coll^l heard he gott the Sovereign to assemble y^e Inhabitants by Ringing the town bell then read your Lordships letter to him the 27th post Harangued the people to write a letter of thanks. In truth I am informd all but two were against his being named in any letter that they were to sign & earnestly request me to desire No Macartney may have any thing to do in laying out my Lords bounty Most of the poors money is in Isaacs hands already, howor when,

it will be gott out of the Lord knows. Our Sovereign it is thought cannot live out his year." (Letter of March 26, 1726.)

"Mr Clugston seems highly delighted to think of his approaching Hon^r all he wants is a book to teach him the law resolving to read much as he hears our Late Sovereign did but he understood not what he read and I believe Mr Clugstons understanding will be abundantly less. I gott not your Lordships Diaper till this week y^e order came too late for y^e last years whitening. I have bought three sorts for table cloths four of each sort 2 yards & $\frac{1}{2}$ wide. 12 y^d at 15^s p^d yard, 12 at 12^s 6^d and 12 at 9^s 6^d." (Letter of May 7, 1726.)

p. 215. Candidates

The commonality, with Sovereign and Burgesses, had the right to elect the sergeants at mace by Charter (*p. 177*). *Joy's MS.* notes—"1824. Only 2 freemen admitted within memory."

p. 219. The Oath of the Sovereign

These oaths are placed at the end of the original MS. The two first seem of the time of King Charles I.

p. 220. Arthur Lord Chichester

The original MS. of Sir Faithful Fortescue's account of his renowned uncle, Lord Deputy of Ireland and real founder of Belfast, is preserved amongst the Fortescue family papers at Ravensdale Park, Newry. It was printed for private circulation by the late Lord Clermont in 1858, and does not contain Bodley's anagram or the King of France's letter at the end of the copy in the Town Book. It is impossible to determine at what time this account was inserted by the Town Clerk, but the accompanying history of the Chichester family seems from internal evidence to be either condensed from Lodge's Peerage of Ireland, 1754, or more likely to have been a portion of a MS. pedigree supplied to Lodge, and which he cites.

Some additional information is here added to Fortescue's narrative, which, however, presents a reasonably accurate portrait of this remarkable man. Arthur Chichester was one of that distinguished company of Devonshire squires, including Raleigh, Drake, and Carew, who shed so much lustre on the closing years of Elizabeth's reign. The second son of Sir John Chichester of Raleigh, by Gertrude, daughter of Sir William Courtenay, he was sent at an early age to Oxford, where his tutor was Alexander Spicer, who afterwards wrote an elegy on him. His youthful rashness consisted in robbing one of the Queen's purveyors—little better than robbers themselves—and he fled into France, not Ireland. As a contemporary notes—

"He was a captain of the shippe called the Victorie under the command of the Lord Sheffield, employed against the Spanish invasion An. 1597 & 88. Afterwards he was captaine and commander in the Portugall voyage of 200 foot in the Regiment of the General Sir Francis Drake, 88 & 89. He went with Sir Francis Drake to the West Indies, and in Portorico he set fire of the Admiral of the Spanish Frigates, 95 and 96." He went to Ireland in 1599 to revenge the death of his brother, Sir John, who was killed in a conflict with James MacSorley MacDonnell in 1597 at Ballycarry. Lodge's Peerage contains the anecdote, "In K. James's reign, MacDonnell going one day to view the family monument in St. Nicholas's Church at Carrickfergus, and seeing Sir John's statue thereon, asked, *How the de'll he came to get his head again, for he was sure he had once ta'en it frue him.*" Finkerton considered this apocryphal, as before James reigned MacDonnell was dead. (*Ult. Jour. Arch.*, vol. vii.) It was soon recognised that the most capable man in Ireland was Arthur Chichester; and after his appointment as Lord Deputy in 1604, the State Paper Calendars of the time show clearly the all-important part he played during his 10 years of office—in one dispatch pleading with the King for an opening of the ports in Ireland; again, settling the details of the Ulster Plantation, which, unfortunately for the real pacification of the country, were departed from by other statesmen. He was anxious to have arranged the settlement, as if His Majesty were to begin a new plantation in America, disregarding unjust demands for vested rights in land, lest, in the words of Lord Keeper Bacon, addressed to Sir W. Jones, Chief Justice of Ireland in 1617, "Ireland civil be worse to us than Ireland savage." In the four volumes of Irish State Papers now preserved in Philadelphia are many docu-

ments concerning Chichester. The following abstract, taken from a letter written to him by King James from Newmarket, March 4th, 1613, sufficiently shows the respect in which his long services were held :—"As his Lordship was first called by his (the King's) election to the high place he fills, the duties of which he has so faithfully discharged, that he has continued him in that employment these many years, beyond the example and custom of former times, so he now of his own mere motion, without any mediation of friends, has advanced him to the degree of a Baron of that kingdom, in acknowledgment of his many acceptable services performed. It was a secret purpose of his long before, and he only deferred it for his Lordship's greater honour, that he might take the opportunity of doing so upon the calling of this his first Parliament. For his Lordship's comfort, he is to know that he serves 'a master with a liberal hand, and one that is so well affected to him,' that this is not the last favour which is intended to him." It is interesting to know that as Lord Deputy he assisted the newly-formed East India Company to build vessels in Ireland, and was at the close of his life Commissioner for the settlement of Virginia with Lord Carew. When ambassador to the Palatinate, being besieged in Mannheim by Count Tilly, he informed him that it was against the law of nations to besiege an ambassador. On Tilly sending word that he took no notice of his having this office, he replied, "Had my master sent me with as many hundred men as he hath sent me on fruitless messages, your General should have known that I had been a soldier as well as an ambassador." As early as 1614 his health gave way, for he had not gone on a regimen like his predecessor Mountjoy, of whom Moryson writes, "Before these Wars he used to have nourishing Breakfasts, as Ponadoes and Broths ; but in the time of the War he used commonly to break his Fast with a dry crust of Bread, and in the Spring Time with Butter and Sage, with a cup of Stale Beer, wherewith sometimes in winter he would have Sugar and Nymeg mixed. He took Tobacco abundantly, and of the best, which I think preserved him from sickness." His disease recurred again, and as Spicer, his domestic chaplain, says in his elegy, printed in 1625, the year of his death—

"Lord, what is man? when such a man as he,
Whose parts excelled in the high'st degree,
Dies by a pluries, a corrupted tumour,
Proceeding from a bad, unhealthful humour."

There is a reference to the death of his wife in the Fee book of the famous Irish physician, Dr. Thomas Arthur :—"1621. I then went to the Lady of Arthur Chichester, the Quaestor or Treasurer of this Kingdom, then living at Carrickfergus, in Ulster, whom, when labouring under dropsy, and forewarning her of her death within a few days after my prognosis, I attended upon : he gave me on the 25th of May £5 . 10 . 0." The tomb, which forms one of the full-page illustrations, was erected during his lifetime, and the kneeling figure (p. 224) of Lord Chichester is no doubt an excellent likeness, as well as that of his wife, which is by the same chisel. The material used for the sculpture, including the small figure of Sir John Chichester, is Derbyshire alabaster. The entire has been richly decorated with colour and gilding, and bears a strong resemblance to the coeval tomb of Lord Cork in St. Patrick's, Dublin.

The Editor, with the permission of the Countess of Shaftesbury, has recently made a careful inspection of the Chichester vault at St. Nicholas, Carrickfergus, of which the following are the particulars :—The vault is twenty feet long by fifteen feet wide, the roof forming a semi-circular arch of cut stone six feet high in centre ; a door, now bricked up, formerly opened into the church. It contains ten lead coffins, which are as follows, beginning with the latest :—1. Sir Arthur Chichester, Baronet, aged 80 years, 1847. 2. Elizabeth, relict of Sir Edward May, Bart., died 26th March, 1823, aged 73 years. 3. Sir Edward May, Bart., died 23rd July, 1814, aged 63. 4. A coffin without inscription, but presumably that of Arthur, 4th Earl Donegall, died 1757. 5. John Chichester, died 1746, brother of the ladies burnt in 1708, and father of 5th Earl. 6. Catherine, Dowager Countess Donegall, widow of 3rd Earl. Her coffin has a finely engraved gilt plate, with coat of arms impaling Chichester and Forbes. An outer wood coffin has been covered with crimson velvet and brass escutcheons. 7. A coffin without inscription, but probably that of Arthur, 2nd or 1st Earl. 8. A child's coffin,

shaped, with one handle at the head, and in raised letters, "DEC 3. 1642. E.C." Doubtless Edward Chichester, son of 1st Earl Donegall. Spices have been placed in this coffin, which still emit an agreeable odour. 9. A child's coffin similar to above, but with handle at each end, and in raised letters, "D.C. QUI: OBIT: 8 IAN 1638." No doubt Digby Chichester, another youthful son of 1st Earl. 10. A small child's coffin, very strongly made, with no inscription, but in which rest the remains of the infant son of the great Lord Deputy, in the words of his epitaph—

"Here lyes the Father's hope and Mother's joy,
Though they seem hapless, happe was the boy;
For of his Life the long and tedious race
He hath despatch'd in less than two moneth's space."

It is strange that the coffin of the infant should remain, when those of his mother and his father, the founders of the vault and sumptuous tomb above it, are alike unknown. In addition to the foregoing coffins, there is a rude lead box, about 12 inches square, containing the *viscera* of Arthur Lord Chichester, Baron of Belfast. (This was a customary usage of the time—see Stanley's *Memorials of Westminster Abbey*.) A wooden coffin, much decayed, holds the bones of four adults; two of the skulls have the upper portion above the orbit removed—one rudely, as if by blows of a sword, the other by a saw. The former may be that of Sir John Chichester, the statement of Lodge that his head was cut off by Sorley Boy being thus restored to credence, as this mutilation would agree with the undoubted fact that he was killed by a shot. Tyrone, to whom the head was sent, may have returned it for interment.

The Editor has carefully examined the site of Lord Chichester's splendid house at Joyount (so called in compliment to Lord Mountjoy), which was completed in 1618, and of which some views may be seen in the British Museum. It is said to have been designed by Inigo Jones, and bore resemblance in the details of its projecting windows and sky-line to his work. Brereton describes it, in 1635, as a "very stately house or rather like a prince's palace," but says "the windowes and roomes and whole frame of the house is over large and vast." Anxious to find any traces of his being a "Lover of all civil becoming sports games and recreations," the Editor has discovered an interesting fact not hitherto noticed—viz., that when forming the grounds, Lord Chichester, as an old Devonshireman, and perhaps one of the players at the historic game of bowls in which Raleigh and Drake joined on Plymouth Hoe when the Armada was signalled, had laid out a bowling green, now comprised in Mr. W. Gorman's garden. This gentleman says that in the corner of it beside the town wall a great quantity of bones and bullets were lately dug up, whilst many fragments of deer's horns have been found in the present Joyount garden. Further confirmation of his love of bowling is found in a note on John Cusack, Mayor of Dublin, 1603:—"This Mayor was a great House Keeper, for, in his Mayoralty, he invited the Lord Deputie sundrie times. He would make Matches of Bowling and Shooting with the Lord Deputie and Council." No doubt at Chichester House, which occupied the site of the Irish Houses of Parliament, now the Bank of Ireland, many a return match was played. At Belfast Castle a bowling green was also laid out, which is mentioned in the Charges roll 1666, and in a lease to G. Macartney of a tenement near the Castle it is described as extending backwards to the Bowling Green. It may be added that the old Irish Corporations usually reserved the right of the burgesses to use the green when land was let for that purpose. "3 Feb 1670. It that W^m Hall shall have a lease of the Bowling-green for 31 years at 20s. for the first year, and 40s. for the remainder, he to fit it and build a house at his own charge; Burgesses to have the keys" (*Town Book of Kinsale*.) Whether the Bowling Green at the reere of the old Belfast Academy was ever used in this way is uncertain, but it probably dates back to the time of Robert Joy, Town Clerk, who built the house.

p. 225. Chichester Earl of Donegal.

The Chichester family, from the time that Belfast was incorporated by the foresight of their great ancestor, have exhibited many substantial proofs of their kindly interest in its welfare, some of which are referred to in the present volume. Carrickfergus, although more centrally situated on the estate, was

not fostered at the expense of the more inland town. On the contrary, the 1st Earl of Donegall, in founding his mathematical lectureship at Trinity College, Dublin, expressly stipulates for "such as should be brought up in the school at Belfast erected by him." The poor of Belfast were also remembered in the wills of the family, whilst much employment was found at the large farms and gardens kept up during the 17th century. It is evident, from leases of the time, that rents were very moderate. One instance may suffice, taken from an Indenture dated 1688, in which Francis Thetford (see Lewis's pedigree) conveyed to John Fletcher for £300 his lease of six score and five acres, called the "New Inclosure," adjacent to Oldpark and Skegonearl, for which the rent was £16 13s. 8d. As his lease was dated 1686, and he got such a sum for his interest when civil war was raging, the inference is obvious. A few years after this, Cromac Woods were opened up by wide avenues, called Passes, appropriated to the recreation of the townspeople. In the 18th century the Earls of Donegall improved the town in many respects—a great reclamation was made on the site of Ann Street, and on it the first Linen Hall erected by the estate at a cost of £11,500. Other public buildings succeeded, including the Exchange (now Belfast Bank), which cost £4,000, and the Parish Church and Vicarage, erected at the sole expense of Lord Donegall. There is a large aquatint in the possession of Robert Macadam, showing the Assembly Room over the Exchange as a richly decorated apartment, and the architect's name is given—Sir R. Taylor. The Brown Linen Hall was followed by the generous gift of the site for the White Linen Hall granted in 1787. In this year the Sovereign's gold chain, which is now superseded by the new Mayor's chain, was presented to the Corporation, as the following extract sets forth. (It is worthy of note that this minute, which was found on the books of the Corporation by a committee of the new Corporation, of whom R. S. Lepper was secretary, is the only record known to exist of those contained in the second Town Book, all trace of which is lost):—

Borough of Belfast, March 25th, 1787.

At an assembly of the Sovereign and Burgesses, held this day, the Sovereign informed the Burgesses that Lord Donegall had presented a valuable gold chain to the Corporation, most elegantly executed with a medal appendant, on one side of which are the arms of the Lord of the Castle, on the reverse those of the Corporation of Belfast curiously embossed; and that his Lordship desired that it may be worn by the Sovereign, for the time being, and delivered to the Sovereigns in succession. That they may be invested with it publicly, upon their being sworn into office, as one of the insignia of their being in full possession of their office.—Resolved, that the warmest and most grateful thanks of the Sovereign and Burgesses be presented to the Earl of Donegall for his magnificent present, and that they trust that this badge of office will be a constant memento (*sic*) of the connection which ought ever to subsist between Lord Donegall's family and the Corporation of Belfast.—Resolved, that agreeable to his Lordship's desire, the gold chain shall be worn by the Sovereign for the time being, and delivered to the Sovereigns in succession, and that they shall be invested with it publicly, on their being sworn into office, as one of the insignia of their being in full possession of their office. (*News-Letter*, 23rd December, 1842.)

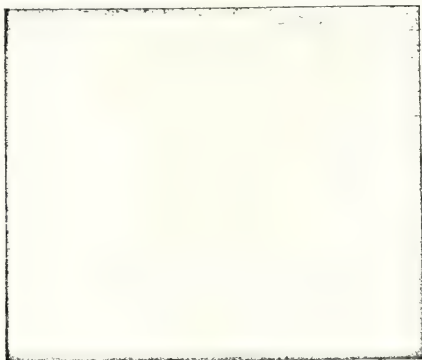
Further proof of this kindly interest is found in "The Journal of Disbursements of the Earl of Donegall's Antrim Estate, from July 1786 to October 1796." "November 28th, 1786. Paid John Knox for a gold box intended to be presented to the Lord Lieutenant with the freedom of this Corporation, £25. March 25th, 1787. Paid the Rev. William Bristow $\frac{1}{2}$ year's salary as Socy of Belfast due this day, £50. August 15th, 1787. Paid John Galt Smith account of Sovereign's gown, £7. 12. 8."

The Parish Church was also liberally supported. William Ware, the organist, who published a collection of church music, dedicated to the Marchioness of Donegall, is thus mentioned. "W. Ware for instructing singing boys, £30, and providing surplices for ditto, £5. 13. 9."

The old Poorhouse, with other charities, such as the Fever Hospital, received large sums. At this same period as much as £70,000 was given to improve the Lagan Navigation. (*Foy's M.S.*)

The recent munificent gift of the present noble owner of the estate, made on the occasion of the presentation of the memorial casket containing the address presented to her son, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, on his attaining his

majority, attests sufficiently to the cordial relations still existing between Town and Castle. The accompanying illustration shows this fine example of modern Celtic art, designed by Marcus Ward & Co., and executed by Sharman D. Neill.



p. 228. Ladys Jane, Frances, & Henrietta were unfortunately burnt

Joy's MS. notes. "April 25th 1708, the Castle of Belfast burned down, and the ladies Jane, Frances, and Heneretta lost their lives. This accident was occasioned by a servant, who left a fire of wood burning in a room which she was airing. A servant woman called Catherine Douglas and a daughter of Parson Berkley perished: Mary Taggart, a servant, made her escape thro' the flames." As the Editor was anxious to verify a note given him by Rev. G. Hill, in which he mentioned that portraits damaged by fire of these unfortunate ladies were preserved by Lord Templetown at Castle Upton, and were called "The Burnt Ladies," and as on enquiry at the Castle only one picture answering to the description was pointed out with the title "The Burnt Lady," he wrote to the Viscountess of Templetown asking for further information, and received the following courteous reply:—"As to the portrait of the Burned Lady, so far as Lady Templetown knows it has nothing to do with the Chichesters, with whom the Uptons are not connected, but is supposed to be the portrait of a Miss Upton married to a local chief of the name of Dunn, who is supposed to have burnt her and her children in front of his own house. This tradition is recorded in a Parochial Survey of Ireland in 1816, page 249, volume 2, by W. Shaw Mason, Sec. to the Board of Public Records." Although the Castle was not rebuilt, it was not entirely deserted till the beginning of this century, when it was finally taken down.

The old lady (see note on p. 100) remembers Montgomery's Market filled with ancient pear trees, and several rooms still inhabited in the Burnt Castle, including a fine parlour with black oak floor, wainscotted walls, and huge chimney-piece. This Market was placed in the Castle yard, as it was exempt from interference by the Corporation.

Amongst the charges entered in the Donegall Journal of Disbursements previously mentioned are several relating to the old castle.

3rd October, 1788. Paid John Bell on account for paving round the Castle, the court, &c.,	} 6. 2½
31st Oct. 1788. Received for 2 cows & sundry trees in the Castle Gardens sold by Auction on 22nd Aug. last,	
	} 19. 18. 2

13th Jan. 1789. Received from sundries for the old walls & the Pigeon House in that part of the late Castle Garden now } 7 . 1 . 2
Arthur St.,

9th April, 1789. Paid one year Hearth Money due on the } 1 . 4 . 0
Castle of Belfast, 12 hearths at 2s., the 21st Nov. 1788.

John Alexander inhabited the Castle in March, 1789, and county cess paid for him amounted to 5 guineas. The office was built in 1787: Roger Muhlolland was the builder. In 1792 the castle gate was repaired, cost 3s. 3d. 12 hearths are charged at the castle and 4 at the office, showing its occupation still continued in this year.

p. 229. List of the Volunteer Companies

The following extract from the Annals of Kinsale (*Town Book of Kinsale*) sufficiently explains the above:—

"Monday, 21 Feb., 1760. Thurot landed about 1,000 men near Carrickfergus, which he attacked and took, with the Castle, after a brave resistance by Lt.-Col. Jennings with 200 men. The Lord-Lieut., the Duke of Bedford, on receiving the news, sent an express to the Governor of Charles Fort and Kinsale, John Folliot, Esq., to despatch the man-of-war then lying at Kinsale in pursuit of the French. On Sunday morning, Feb. 24, Governor Folliot acquainted Capt. Elliot, Clements, and Logie with the Lord-Lieut.'s orders to proceed to sea, and on Feb. 29 his Maj. ships, Elliot, commodore, came up with the Squadron under M. Thurot off the Isle of Man, and after a sharp engagement of an hour-and-a-half captured them. Underneath is a statement of the respective force:—Bellisle, 44 guns, 510 men; Le Blonde, 30 do., 357 do.; Terpsichore, 24 do., 270 do., com'd by M. Thurot; Eolus, 32 guns; Pallas, 36 do.; Brilliant, 36 do., com'd by Cap. Elliot."

Mr. F. J. Bigger, Ardrie, Belfast, has two large engravings of that period, one showing the engagement, and the other depicting the French ships as prizes in Douglas Harbour. Lord Charlemont has given a graphic description of the mustering of the volunteers in Belfast, many armed only with a Lochaber axe—a scythe fixed at the end of a pole, but all so impressed with the necessity of regularity, that the crowd was perfectly undisturbed by tumult, riot, or even drunkenness. Two of the commanders named in the list for Co. Down merit a short notice as descendants of the famous William, Baron Savage, who settled in Down in 1177. Henry Savage of Saintfield was head of the Prospect branch of the family. He married Grace, grand-daughter of the Hon. Susan Gillespie, wife of Hugh Gillespie, Cherryvale, daughter of 3rd Baron Rollo, and aunt of Sir Robert Rollo Gillespie, K.C.B., whose statue stands in the Square of Comber. Francis Savage of Ardkeen Castle was High Sheriff of Down in 1732, and the most considerable person in the Ards about 1760. For a fuller account see Prof. G. F. Savage-Armstrong's valuable monograph on *The Savages of the Ards*.

p. 232. Burgess Roll

The first names in black letter were probably entered at the incorporation of Borough.

p. 236. vide page 279

This refers, of course, to original MS. See corresponding page 245.

p. 238. Sir Stephen May, 1815

After this entry is written in pencil on the original, "leave a space for more names." As this list of Sovereigns is incorrect towards the end, and some years not filled in, a list is here subjoined of the names from 1800 to 1832, when the old Corporation ceased. 1800, John Brown; 1801, same; 1802, Arthur Chichester; 1803, Edward May, M.P.; 1804, same; 1805, same; 1806, same; 1807, Rev. Edward May; 1808, same; 1809, Edward May, M.P.; 1810, same; 1811, Rev. Edward May; 1812, Thomas Verner; 1813, same; 1814, same; 1815, same; 1816, Rev. Edward May; 1817, Thomas Ludford Stewart; 1818, same; 1819, Thomas Verner; 1820, same; 1821, same; 1822, same; 1823, John Agnew, resigned, and Andrew Alexander appointed; 1824, Andrew Alexander died and John Agnew appointed; 1825, John Agnew; 1826, same; 1827, Rev. Lord E. Chichester; 1828, Sir Stephen May; 1829, same; 1830, same; 1831, same; 1832, same; 1833, same; 1834, John Agnew; 1835,

same; 1836, same; 1837, same; 1838, same; 1839, same; 1840, same; 1841, Thos. Verner, Jr.; 1842, same.

The Town Clerks from 1802, when Wm. Atkinson died, were as follows:—1802–1815, William Byrnt; 1816–1823, Stephen Daniel; 1824–25, none; 1826–1836, Henry Ferguson; 1838–1841, H. C. Clarke; 1842, Messrs. A. & J. Montgomery.

In 1842 the last list of the old Corporation is thus given:—

CORPORATION OF BELFAST.

Lord of the Castle—George Augustus, Marquis of Donegall.

Constable of the Castle—R. F. Gordon.

Sovereign of Belfast—T. Verner, Jun.

Burgesses.

Sir Arthur Chichester.
Thomas Ludford Stewart.
Thomas Verner.
Earl of Belfast.
Lord E. Chichester.
Rev. Samuel Smythe.

John Clarke.
Rev. A. C. Macartney.
Sir Stephen May.
Robert Coulson.
John Agnew.
Jos. Macartney.

Town Clerks—Messrs. A. & J. Montgomery.

Sergeant at Mace—William Trelford.

The following are the Town Clerks of Belfast since 1842:—John Bates, 1842–1855; J. K. Jackson, 1855–1856; James Guthrie, 1856–1878; Samuel Black, 1878.

p. 239. Electio Superiorum

This was the official entry of the election of the Sovereigns. The swearing in, *Juratio Superiorum* (*sic*), was alone entered by the Town Clerk after 1644.

p. 241. and y^e two Maces

No doubt those still in the possession of the Corporation. This notice confirms Mr. Day's opinion that the large mace is of the Stuart period.

p. 242. thirty five Burgesses

These are given by Benn as thirty-five inclusive of Sovereign, whereas by the terms of the Charter (p. 160) they comprised that number in themselves. The omitted name in his list is that of Toul or Ton O'Neil. As the more important burgesses are mentioned by Benn, it is only necessary to add a short account of the brothers Dobbin supplied by one of the family, Mr. Leonard Dobbin, Hollymount, Cork. Humphrey and William Dobbin were the sons of Lieut. James Dobbin, of Duneane, whose name appears on the list of those proposed to be removed to Munster by Cromwell. He was one of the Carrickfergus Dobbins who are first mentioned in 1400. The token of Humphrey Dobbin was issued when he was twenty, and he died 1721. His son Rigby was Mayor of Carrickfergus, 1724. William Dobbin was a captain in the siege of Derry, which he assisted to defend, and afterwards resided at Moneyglass. His wife was Mary Eccles. His daughter married William Morris Jones, Moneyglass.

p. 243. King William Landed

Several contemporary views exist of this momentous event, and it has also been described by Storey and others (see *Ulst. Jour. Arch. passim*). The troops landed at Whitehouse, and it has never been explained why the King preferred Carrickfergus, where he only stayed half-an-hour, probably visiting Mountjoy. He met Schonberg's coach-and-six at Whitehouse, and drove across the Strand to the North Gate. His Court was held at the Castle, then in possession of Sir W. Franklin. Bonivert, a French refugee in the King's service, notes—“We landed at the Whitehouse (five days after the King), where we saw on our arrival a great number of poor people, we went that night to Belfast, which is a large and pretty town; and all along the road you see an

arm of the sea on your left, and on the right great high rocky mountains whose tops are often hidden by the clouds, and at the bottom a very pleasant wood, very full of simples of all sorts—The people very civil, and there is also a great house belonging to my Lord Donegall, with very fine gardens and groves of ash trees. The inhabitants speak very good English." There was great mortality in the town from the overcrowded Hospital provided by Thomas Pottinger, and filled with Schonberg's fever-stricken soldiers. Both Shankill and the High St. graveyard were crowded, whilst those dying in the ships were buried at Tillyburn. It is interesting to note that a printing press accompanied the King; a proclamation issued from it was the first printing in Belfast. The first dated example seems to be, strangely enough, A Coronation Sermon on William and Mary, preached at Dartmouth by Rev. John Flavel, printed by Patrick Neil & Company, Belfast, 1700; a copy of it is in the Editor's possession.

In the British Museum an unpublished diary of Lt. Wm. Crumond's is preserved. He went through the Irish Campaign of 1690, and does not mention Belfast at all, although it is difficult to know how he kept out of it in his itinerary. "On 20th April went to Galgorm (coming from the North), 21st to Carrickfergus, 22nd to Newtowne, 25th to Lisburn, 26th to Gilhall, 28th to Newry and part of the way back to Gilhall, 29th to Legacurry, 30th to Dundalk."

p. 246. The Roll of the Freemen

This is particularly valuable as forming a kind of directory for the town at periods where no other information is available. In later times subscribers' lists in Belfast printed books are of importance as a means of determining names and addresses. One of the earliest is to be found in "Dialogues on Education, H. & R. Joy, 1752." From the mention of merchants of the staple it is evident a Guild of Merchants existed in connection with the Corporation. All trading towns of any importance had such bodies. In Stirling a Merchant or Guildry Charter was granted by David II. "We grant also to our said burghers of Striveyn that they shall have a merchant guild, except the waulkers and weavers." These latter, with the hammermen, tailors, shoemakers, fleshers, tanners, and bakers constituted in Stirling the incorporated crafts; outside these was the "Hail Omnigatherum" of callings such as dairymen and porters. Carrickfergus had a guild called free merchants of the staple, no others being allowed to buy or sell under a penalty. The Mayor of the Corporation on retiring was appointed next year "Mayor of the Staple." The staple merchandise of England included wool, wool fells, leather, lead, tin, butter, cheese, and cloth. The guild consisted of a body of persons bound together by laws of their own making, the King's licence being first had to the making thereof. They had thus facilities for collecting accounts and exclusive dealing much like some of the present associations of traders.

All irregularity of dates in the original roll, arising from later lists being carelessly entered by the town clerk, have been preserved. The following notes on some of the freemen are of necessity much abridged:—

P. 247. **John Goye, Joyner.** Some of the oak furniture made by local joiners of the 17th century is occasionally met with. A strong framed press in two heights, for many years in the family of Mr. T. Huston, Aslsey, Carrmonee, has on the frame "JOHN CLOSH P. C. 1686" the letters P. C. = Parish of Carrmonee. Another specimen seen by the Editor had inlaid in holly, BELFAST 1688. P. 248. **Sir William Wray** married a daughter of Lord Edward Chichester. **Danvell McNeale** was Daniel O'Neill, son of the unfortunate Con O'Neill of Castlereagh. Born about 1603, he became a protégé of Charles I. Both Laud and Wentworth esteemed him. Charles II. bestowed on him several posts, including that of Postmaster-General. His wife was Countess of Chesterfield. In 1644, a labourer dug up in the fosse of Castlereagh 150 shillings and sixpences of Edward VI. and Elizabeth in a pewter vessel. P. 248. **Sir Charles Coote**, with the other officers, commanded the detachment mentioned on p. 306. He was killed in 1642. His son Charles was created Lord Mountrath. **Theobald Taaffe** became 2nd Viscount Taaffe and 1st Earl of Caringford. There were two **Sir James Dillons** in 1640. P. 253. **George McCartney** called Neger, married the daughter of Quentin Catherwood; his second wife was Elizabeth Dobbin. His descendant, Earl McCartney, in a MS. pedigree corrected *sua manu* passes over his position as leading merchant, shipowner, and miller. Portraits of four Georges, commencing with his son, M. P. 1693, are in possession of Dr. H. Hyndman. P. 254. **Robert Erice** Clerk, perhaps grandson of Rev. Edward Erice (first Freshwater, then in Ireland), of Broadisland. The Editor has a token, found in High Street, of his son Robert, of Castle Chichester, 1671. P. 259. **Gilbert Wye** was steward when **Andrew McCullough** made a mustard-pot and silver buckles for Earl Donegall, 1666. P. 261. **William Van Hovon** was

perhaps brought from Holland to lay out the Castle Gardens in the Dutch style. P. 262. **Thomas Pottinger**, ancestor of the family once resident at Mount Pottinger, now represented by Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart. P. 264. **Samuel Downes** was Town Clerk, 1667, perhaps son of Ludowick Downes, Vicar, 1642. P. 264. **William Tomson Gray more?** Mr. Hugh McCall, Lisburn, kindly informs Editor "that the Gray merchant purchased in dull seasons from the Drapers gray or unbleached linen, stored it up, and did large business with bleachers, although not employing weavers, as the Drapers did." In Elizabeth's time they were accused of selling arms, purchased from the soldiers, to the Irish, giving 12d. per lb. for powder, and giving 3s. material. P. 267. **Monsieur Daniel Mascon**, synonymous with latter; rabbits' skins were the raw material. P. 267. **Sir Hercules Langford**. He is described as of Belfast, had much trade here. P. 268. **Sir Hercules Langford**. Married daughter of Henry Upton, sister to Earl Upton here mentioned. **John Chichester** was a nephew of 1st Earl Donegall; died in William's camp, Dundalk, 1689. **Sir Arthur Chichester** became 1st Earl Donegall. **John and Arthur Chichester** were nephews of 1st Earl. **Conway Hill** was son of Arthur Hill, P. C. Constable of Hillsborough Fort, son of Moyes Hill. P. 269. **Chichester Phillips** was son of Sir Thomas, called by Lord A. Chichester a "discreet and honest servant." P. 270. **Sir Michael Hicks**, Secretary to 1st Earl Salisbury, ancestor to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. **Claudius Gilbert**, Vicar, died 1665. For his connection with a ghost story, see *Uist Jour.* **Dudley Loftus** was Clerk to Lord Mount Alexander, and son of Dr. Dudley Loftus, Vicar-general, whose life has been written by Rev. Dr. Stokes, T.C.D. **Henry, Earl of Clanabazill**, was 2nd Earl, known as the fat Earl. **William Hill** was son and heir of Arthur Hill (see above). **John, Lord Butler**, 7th son of Great Duke of Ormond, as Earl of Gowran, married Ann, daughter of 1st Earl Donegall. **Charles Meredith**, of Mooretown, married daughter of 2nd Lord Blaney. **Richard, Earl of Arran**, was fifth son of Duke of Ormond; had a lease of the light-house on Island Magee, 1667. **Pierce** was 6th Baron Caher (Cahir), Tipperary. **Major Samuel Stewart** was lieutenant of Col. G. Cromwell's troop at Lord Montgomery's funeral in 1663. **Richard Needham** was owner of estates at Newry inherited from Sir Henry McCall. The foregoing party were no doubt guests of Earl Donegall. P. 273. **Thomas, Earle of Ardglass**, 1st Earl. **James I.** granted him 1 Manor of Downpatrick, 1617. **Richard Dobbs' Brief Description of the County of Antrim**, 1683, was first printed in Hill's *MacDonells of Antrim*. Arthur his son was Surveyor-General of Ireland, and on dissolving the New Houses of Parliament in 1741 received £250. His descendants still occupy Castle Dobbs. **Edward Muschamp** was of Drumnakelly, Co. Down. **Sir John Rowley** married daughter of Sir Hercules Langford. **Tristram Beresford** had estates at Coleraine. P. 278. **Viscount Ranelagh** was uncle of 2nd Earl Donegall. **Francis, Lord Augher**, created Viscount Longford, married Anne, daughter of 1st Earl Donegall. **John, Lord Massereene**, as Sir J. Skeffington, married daughter of Sir J. Clotworthy, 1st Lord. The Joneses, father and son, were of Osbertstown, Meath. **Sir W. Flower's** descendants were ennobled as Viscounts Ashburn. **Sir Francis Blundell** had killed Viscount Trench on previous 6th July, but received a pardon. P. 282. **Hugh McGill**, son of Rev. David Magill, Curate of Greyabbey. The two St. Georges were sons of Sir Oliver St. George, Carrick-Drumusk, Leitrim. P. 283. **Pawlett Phillips** was a brother of Chichester Phillips (see above). **Edward Brice** was a grandson of Rev. E. Brice, Broadisland. A set of silver communion cups was given by him to Ballycarry congregation; they have the Dublin hall mark of 1680. P. 284. **Hugh Montgomery** was of Ballyjeann; married widow of 4th Lord Blaney; was Colonel of a regiment routed at Clady Ford by King James, 1689. P. 286. The following names, omitted by a clerical error, should precede 1723:—**Wm Scott** gen^r 22 August 1683. **Laurance gen^r** 22 August 1688. **Wm Leakes** march^t 22 August 1688. **Henry Savage** march^t 22 Sept 1688, made freemen. P. 289. **Joseph Hall**, bellfounder. In 1624 Frederick Rotten was admitted a freeman of Carrickfergus on condition "that he shall cast the first Bell which the town shall have occasion to use. The Town finding and providing the metal wood and fuel." (*Carrickfergus Records, MSS.*) P. 292. **William Mankin**, silversmith. Perhaps the silver mounts of "The Psalms, Belfast, 1700" (Gordon's *Historic Memorials of the First Presbyterian Church of Belfast*), were his work; also a silver punch laid, embossed with vine leaves, without hall mark, for many years in the family of Dr. J. Milford Farneley. P. 292. **Lord Conway** was the nobleman whose huntsman at Portmure, John Stringer, composed "The Experienced Huntsman" (Belfast; James Blow, 1714), the first work of a secular kind printed here. Only one copy of the 2nd edition, 1717, is known to exist. P. 293. **Collyer & Company**. Mount Collyer was named after the family. At the recent demolition of this house and the adjacent Jennymount, Roman objects were discovered in the foundations—at the former the classic heads of purple Egyptian porphyry, at the latter a bronze medal of Nero. P. 296. **Lord George Saville**. This admission of freemen was warmly challenged at the time. **Stewart Banks** was the recipient of a large silver bowl from the weavers of Belfast in 1726. It bears the Dublin hall mark, and is in the possession of his descendant, J. W. Macartney, D.L., Clogher Park. P. 298. **Wilkes Earl of Hillsborough** was created Marquis of Downshire, 1789. He was Secretary of State for the American Department; and the library at Hillsborough Castle contains a number of valuable MSS. relative to his office. P. 300. **Mr. David Masson**, author of English Dictionary (Belfast: Daniel Blow, 1762). In the preface he describes his remarkable system of education which was carried on successfully for many years in Donegall Street. To his ingenuity the cotton manufacture and agriculture owed several improvements. He died at Lilliput, where he had a bowling-green for his pupils' use. (*Dr. Bryce's MS.*) His portrait in oils is in the Royal Academical Institution.

p. 300. A Perspective View of Belfast in 1790

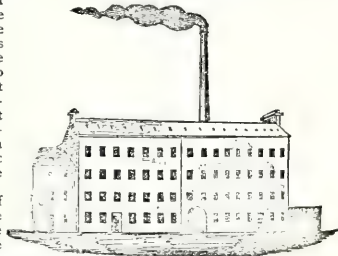
Mrs. T. L'Estrange has kindly allowed this interesting drawing by Mary Patterson to be reproduced here. The Mall which extended from the Paper Mill to the White Linen Hall is partly shown on the map of 1788 in the present volume. It formed the fashionable country promenade at this period. In the Donegall Journal of Disbursements already quoted are the following notices of it in 1788:—"John Alexander gave his account of making Ditches subdividing the Fields in the Mall—late Mrs. Clarke's, 15. 16. 6. Paid John McGain & Partner watching the trees in & near the Mall to prevent their being topped for May-bushes, 2. 8 1/2." There are two probably unique unfinished proofs of views of Belfast, without title, or painter or engraver's name, in the King's Library, British Museum. They both show the town about 1790 from Co. Down side, and measure 20 inches by 15. At this time "there was in Belfast by calculation, 7 Inhabitants worth £30,000; 5 worth from 20 to 29,000; 9 worth from 15 to 19,000; 14 worth from 10 to 14,000; 49 worth from 5 to 9,000." (*109's MS.*)

Several art industries were carried on at this period, of which unfortunately very few specimens are now extant. This is particularly the case with respect to the manufacture of fine pottery and faience, which was established in Ballymacarrett by Thomas Greg, John Ashmore, and S. M. Stephenson, M.D. Some pieces of this ware in the form of sauce-boats and quaint jelly-moulds, in the possession of Mrs. T. L'Estrange, show that an imitation of Wedgwood's Queen's ware was aimed at. The glaze used is cream coloured, and the modelling very well done. Volunteer jugs and teapots of Wedgwood's manufacture, which are reputed to be of Belfast make, may yet be seen amongst old family collections of china. Probably the ware was brought over in the "biscuit" state, and the transfer printing put on and burnt in here. The art of glass-making, engraving, and cutting was successfully worked for some years in Ballymacarrett by Edwards and others; their flint table-glass can be recognised by a peculiar milky opalescence. Notices of employment for glass-cutters occur in old *News-Letters*. The Editor has a well-designed vase in the shape of a classic urn, with cover, cleverly engraved and cut, which shows the perfection attained in this beautiful art. Great skill and taste are also displayed in the contemporary cabinet work executed by John Getty. Some of his inlaid mahogany bookcases, exhibiting the influence of Sheraton, are occasionally met with. His successor, Sloan, although a good workman, yielded to the prevalent taste of the Regency, and inlaying was given up altogether.

For many years after this date the town made but slow progress. The rebuilding of Mulholland's Mill in 1830, and the change from cotton to flax-spinning consequent thereon, may be considered the starting-point of the unexampled development of Belfast from that time. This historic building is shown in the annexed illustration.

As so little is known of our earlier local artists, the Editor has added the following note on the three whose work adorns

these pages—viz., Thomas Robinson, painter; John Thomson, engraver; and Patrick MacDowell, sculptor. Probably the first notice of the Belfast artists collectively was written by the Editor for the catalogue of the Loan Collection of Works of Art exhibited at the opening of the Belfast Free Library, 1888. In it Thomas Robinson is thus mentioned—"In 1801, Thomas Robinson, a pupil of Romney, settled in Belfast, where he lived till 1808. He was patronised by Dr. Percy, Bishop of Dromore, and painted several of the portraits exhibited.



His finest work, 'The Review of the Volunteers,' or, as it is called in Redgrave's Dictionary, 'Military Procession at Belfast in Honour of Lord Nelson,' is hung in the centre of Room B, and is the most valuable local painting extant, giving portraits of all the prominent citizens at the time, 1804. Thomas Robinson was President of the Society of Artists, Dublin, and died there, 1810." A letter of his, asking for the loan of Boydell's Prints, is given in Anderson's *History of Linen Hall Library*. His son, Dr. T. Romney Robinson, for many years Astronomer at Armagh Observatory, was the author of a volume of poems much praised at the time, although he tried to suppress them afterwards. His likeness by his father on the frontispiece resembles his portrait in the "Review." It was found impracticable to reproduce this fine painting, as the surface is much cracked and the colouring very dark. The Key, which has been substituted for it, is executed in brown ink, and gives the various portraits with all the force of the original, omitting alone the fantastic background—added by the painter, it is said, through chagrin, when the lottery scheme for the disposal of the picture failed.

In this connection an unpublished letter of the artist is given from the original, bound up with a copy of "Juvenile Poems, by Thomas Romney Robinson, London, 1807," in the possession of the Editor.

"Madam, so long a space of time has intervened since I left London that it is probable you may not recollect me: but I shall ever remember with gratitude the attention and kindness I experienced from your good Father, of whom (so many changes have taken place among my Friends in the course of thirteen years), I am almost afraid to enquire. If as I hope he is still alive, he will feel pleasure to learn that I have a son whose extraordinary poetical talents (which appeared at a very early age) have attracted the notice of the literati of almost every part of Europe: so much so, that I have consented to publish his Poems as you will see by the enclosed proposals. In this kingdom the proposals have met with unprecedented encouragement, and are patronised by persons of the first consideration. May I request that Mr. White will have the goodness to permit me to mention his name amongst the gentlemen who receive subscriptions. I could give you an account of the amazing Talents of my young Poet, which have been evinced not only in Poetry but in other branches of literature, but you may perhaps conceive the praise of a fond father but a small recommendation, however reference may be had to the Countess of Meira Hastings &c Dr. Percy Bishop of Dromore, William Hayley Esq. Chichester, Professor Stewart or Dr. Anderson Edinburgh. As a tribute due to your own taste for Poetry as well as that of your Brother Mr. T. H. White (to whose name Mr. Harry I beg to be remembered) I have requested the Hon^{ble} Mrs. Murray Aust to leave with you one of his productions which you will have the goodness to return to her after you have read it, in order that it may be forwarded to my friend Mr. Hayley for whom I have painted a Picture of my Boy strewing Flowers on the tomb of my late Master Mr. Romney: an engraving of which picture, with an Eulogy on Mr. Romney's death by my son, you will shortly see in the life of that great Artist, which Mr. Hayley is preparing for the press. With best wishes to you and all your good family, I remain, Madam, your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS ROBINSON.

"Belfast, No. 30, Castle Street,

"Sept. 13, 1805."

John Thomson was not the introducer of engraving here, as in 1753 a copperplate press was set up, and Daniel Pomareda came to the town soon afterwards, when an elaborate book plate for the Belfast Library, 1765, was executed probably by him. In Mr. Lavens M. Ewart's large collection of Belfast printed books is a volume of poems by M^r Williams, with rude etchings, dated 1795. A portrait of Amyas Griffin, by J. Wilson, the Belfast artist, and one or two frontispieces in local books, may also be mentioned. However, such was the difficulty of getting engravings done here so late as 1794, that the United Irishmen had to procure their badge or ticket from Dublin. It was not till the settlement of Thomson that the art was permanently established. Born at Arbroath, he came to Ireland in 1798 as a Tay Fencible, and was first quartered at Ballymena. He there met a soldier, formerly a stamper of the gold embossing seals used by the Linen Board in Dublin, and was led by his advice to commence business in Ann Street as a cutter of these seals. To this was soon added regular engraving, such as book plates, frontispieces, and cards, with some heraldic silver work for the Donegall family and others. In 1805 the caricatures of the famous "Castleague" election were produced by him. His attention was also directed to colour printing for bank-notes and cheques. A specimen still preserved shows he had anticipated modern invention in this respect. He undertook the series of beautiful plates for A. Mackay, Jun., illustrating Benn's first *Historical Account of Belfast*, 1823. A number of the original copper plates are again used in this work by the kindness of Mr. James Graham, his last surviving pupil, who has successfully carried on the same business till the present time. Amongst these are several which for some reason were never published. Thomson himself was noted for his tasteful ornamental lettering, of which the title-page of the foregoing work is a good

example. He also executed a set of copies for the clever writing-master, Thomas Spence. Probably his largest plate is that of which a reduction is here given. It represents a well-known character of old Belfast, *Tantra Barbus*, whose favourite haunt was the Long Bridge, from which he would jump into the Lagan for a "sippeny." Another scarce engraving by him depicts "Cocky Bendy," a bow-legged fiddler. About 1825 Thomson had accumulated a large fortune, which, in an evil hour, he invested in the business of the Oldpark Print Works. The concern, from bad management, soon collapsed, depriving him of all his savings. Undaunted by the disaster, he worked on for many years in his house at the corner of Castle Street and Fountain Street, where he died at Easter, 1847.



**A CELEBRATED
ITINERANT HARDWARE MERCHANT**
of the North of Ireland

Patrick MacDowell was born in Belfast, August, 1799, son of a small tradesman, who lost all his money in a building speculation. His schoolmaster had been an engraver, and encouraged him to draw. Apprenticed to a coach-maker in London, at the end of four years he became the pupil of Peter Chenu, the sculptor, and exhibited a bust in the Royal Academy, 1822. Entering the Academy Schools, he quickly gained a leading position, mainly by the good offices of Sir James Emerson Tennent, who procured for him, amongst

others, commissions from Lord Dungannon, R. M'Calmont, and R. Davison. He was elected R.A. in 1846, in which year was completed his noteworthy statue of Viscount Exmouth at Greenwich. In 1856 the fine bronze figure of Frederick Richard, Earl of Belfast (now in the Free Library), was executed. He continued to exhibit at the Royal Academy up to 1860, when he completed his magnificent group of Europe for the Albert Memorial, and died on December 9th, 1870. His noblest work, not even excepting the "Europe," is the exquisite marble group of the Earl of Belfast and his mother in the Memorial Chapel, Belfast Castle. The reproduction, from the fine photograph by W. Swanston, F. G. S., gives its general appearance, but the delicacy of execution can only be appreciated by seeing the original monument, which is most fittingly placed in the midst of the appropriate and richly designed adornments, by which his sister, the present Countess of Shaftesbury, has converted "the Chapel of the Resurrection" into one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical edifices in this country. The inscription on the tomb is as follows:—"Sacred to the Memory of Harriet Anne, wife of George Hamilton, Third Marquis of Donegall, and Daughter of Richard, first Earl of Glengall. Born 3rd January, 1799. Died 14th September, 1860. And Frederick Richard, Earl of Belfast. Their son. Born 25th November, 1827. Died 15th February, 1855."



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- Anderson, John, J.P.,
Hillbrook, Holywood.
- Andrews, George,
Ardara, Belfast.
- Andrews, Samuel, J.P.,
Belfast.
- Armstrong, James Moore,
Craigarra, Portrush.
- Armstrong, W. E.,
Victoria Street, Belfast.
- Armstrong, G. F. Savage, M.A.,
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- Arnold, Edgar,
Marino, Co. Down.
- Arnold, Rev. R. J., M.A.,
The Manse, Dunmurry.
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- Barbour, John,
Marborough Park.
- Barnett, J. Milford, M.D., H.M.I.A.,
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- Begley, G. R.,
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- Belfast City Council,
Belfast.
- Bell, Thomas,
Linen Hall, Belfast.
- Belmore, Rt. Hon. Earl of, G.C.M.G.,
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- Beverland, Robert,
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Court House, Belfast.
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Ravenhill, Belfast.
- Browne, Samuel, R.N., J.P. (the late),
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- Cairns, William,
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- Campbell, John,
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- Carr, James,
Kilmoren, Belfast.
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- Dick, John C., M.A.,
Londonderry.
- Dickey, E. O'Rorke,
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- Dill, R. F., M.D.,
Fishervick Place, Belfast.
- Dobbin, Leonard,
Holy Mount, Lee Road, Cork.
- Dobbs, Conway E.,
Dalguise, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

- Douglas, John,
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 Chester Park, Belfast.
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 New York.
 Ewart, Levens M., J.P., M.R.I.A.,
 Glenbank House, Ballysullivan.
 Ewart, Richard Hooker,
 New York.
 Ewart, Sir William O., Bart.,
 Schomberg, Strandtown.
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 Torwood, Windsor Avenue, Belfast.
 Ferrar, W. A.,
 Colborne Park, Belfast.
 Filchie, James,
 Wellington Place, Belfast.
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 Chester Hill, Killagran, Co. Antrim.
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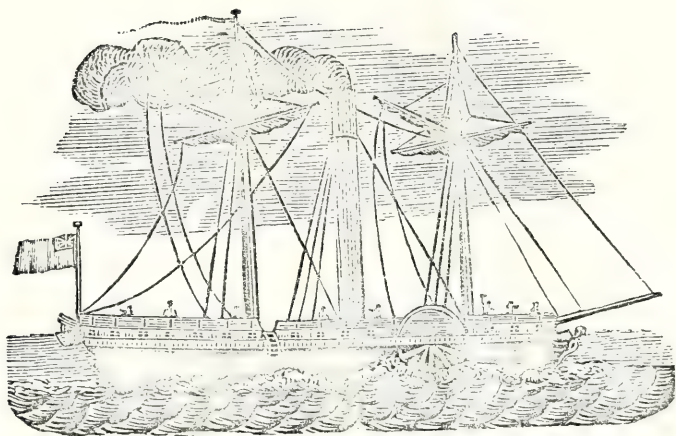
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